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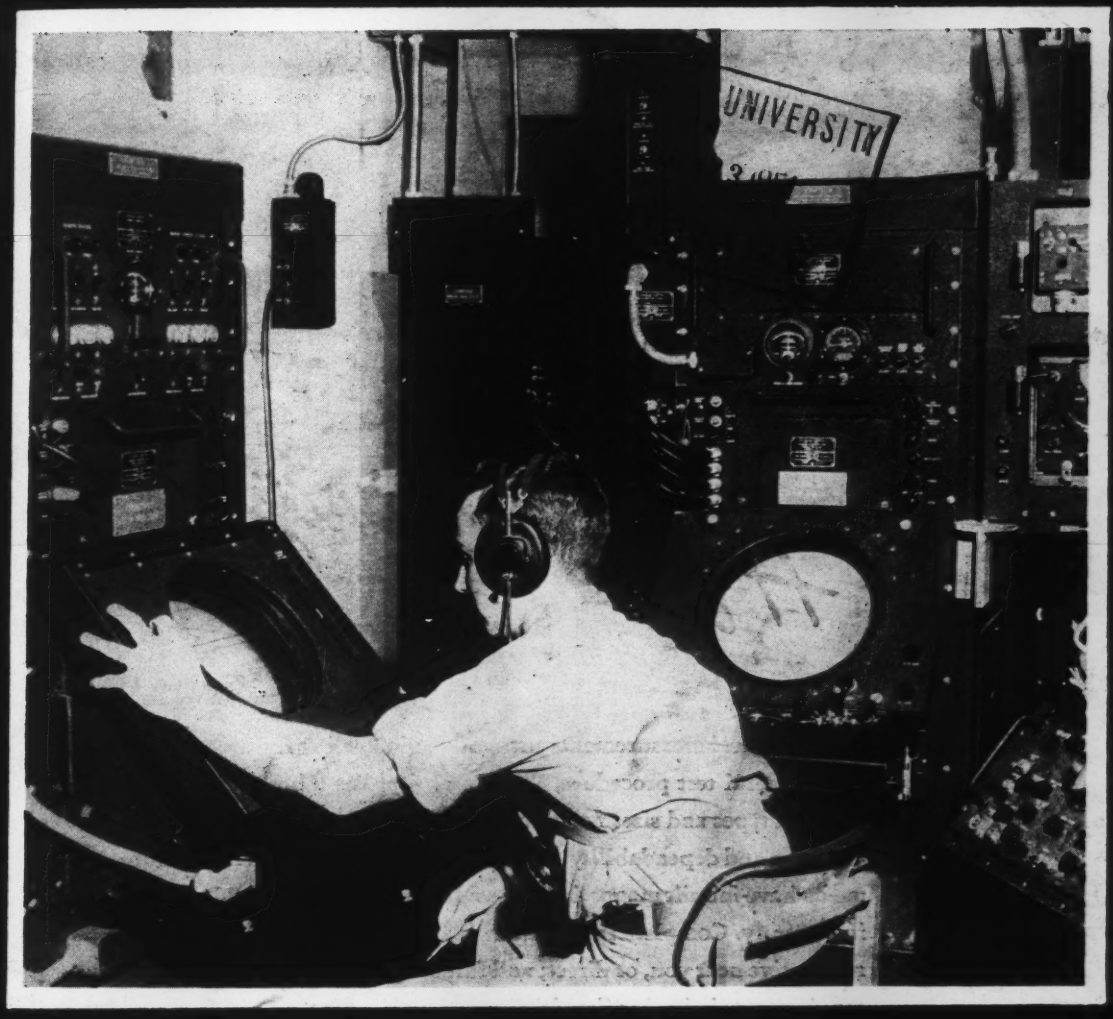

Instruments for "talking down" an aircraft to a safe landing under conditions of poor visibility. **See story on page 730.**

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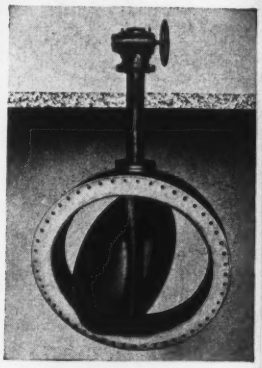

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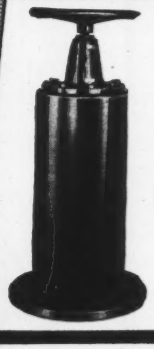

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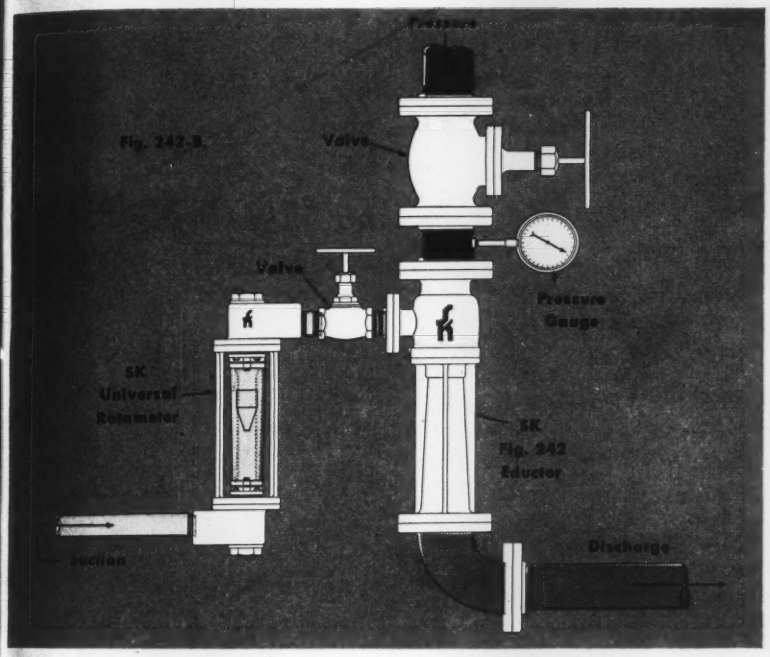

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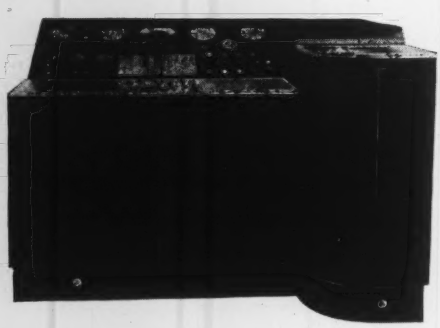

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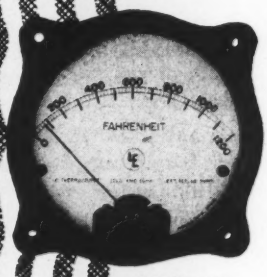

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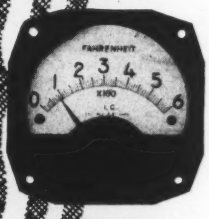
Accuracy — 2% of total scale deflection



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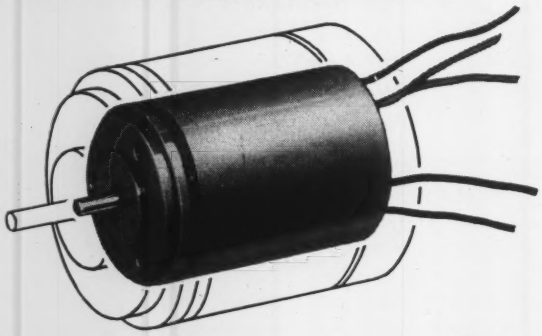
Size of pygmy as compared to AY-200 series outline



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Power	0.8 watts	1.2 watts	0.9 watts
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OUTPUT			
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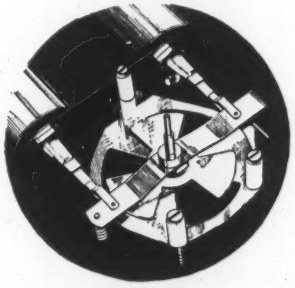

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Use the C_Q Method—

Evaluate All The Quality Factors
IN SELECTING CONTROL VALVES

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The C_Q (Quality Coefficient) method sets a standard — which is necessarily also intangible but one which could, if you wished, be given an arbitrary numerical expression.

Our standard of design and manufacture is to build a control valve which, in the light of our extensive knowledge and experience, will live up to our definition of quality, i. e.:

"A high quality product provides accurate performance over a long period with a minimum of maintenance and operation delays."

Your standard in selecting control valves is undoubtedly very similar, based on your own experience.

We suggest your using the C_Q method in comparing control valves. Set a standard; evaluate *all* the quality factors in the valves considered. (As a reminder, a list of some of these is printed here.) The sum of all quality factors of a valve is its C_Q (Quality Coefficient). Then when you compare price, consider that the invoice figure is only the first cost — the real cost might be expressed

$$\text{Real Cost} = \frac{\text{Price}}{C_Q}$$

for you will agree that for the same investment, the higher the quality the lower the actual over-all cost.

Compare Masoneilan Control Valves with *any* others — use the C_Q Method.

Check For These Diaphragm Motor Quality Factors

Performance Factor
Effective Diaphragm Area
Stroke Length
Response to Air Pressure Changes
Stroke vs. Air Pressure Relationship
Guide Design for Minimum Friction

Mechanical Construction Factor
Diaphragm Case Air Pressure Rating
Diaphragm Case to Yoke Fastening
Rigidity and Strength of Yoke
Yoke Connection to Body Assembly
Strength of Spring Stem and Diaphragm Button Assembly
Size of Springs vs. Effective Area and Stroke of Motor
Diaphragm Design for Reproducible Stroke
Motor Guiding for Friction Free Operation

Convenience Factor
Provision for Mounting Instruments and/or Accessories
Adaptability to Air-to-Close or Air-to-Open Action
Provision for Various Types of Handwheels
Selection of Stroke and Spring Range

Maintenance Factor
Accessibility of Valve Stuffing Box
Convenience of Spring Adjustment

Appearance Factor
Low Over-all Height
Smooth External Contours
Compactness
Serial Plate Information
Travel Indicator Design
Ability to Withstand Rough Handling
Strength of Stem and Stem Connections
Protection of Spring and Diaphragm

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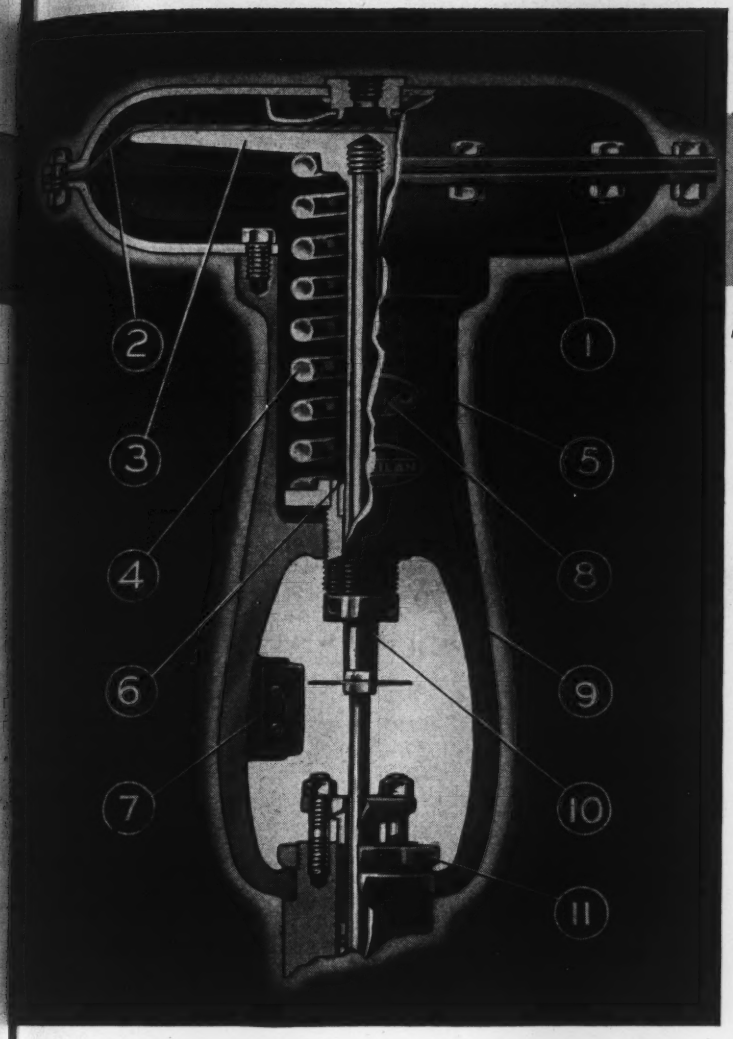

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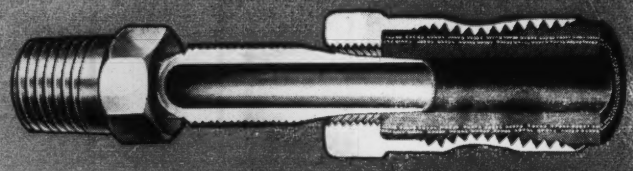
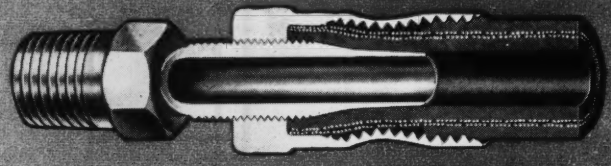
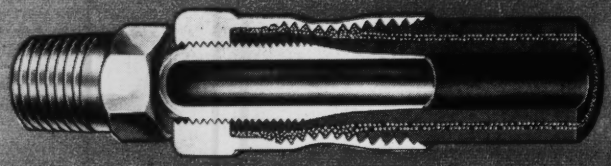


1. Hold hex of body (right) in vise. Turn hose into body (left-hand thread) until end of hose barely bottoms in end fitting.



2. Lubricate the insert (left) and the inside of the hose end with oil . . . thread insert into body.



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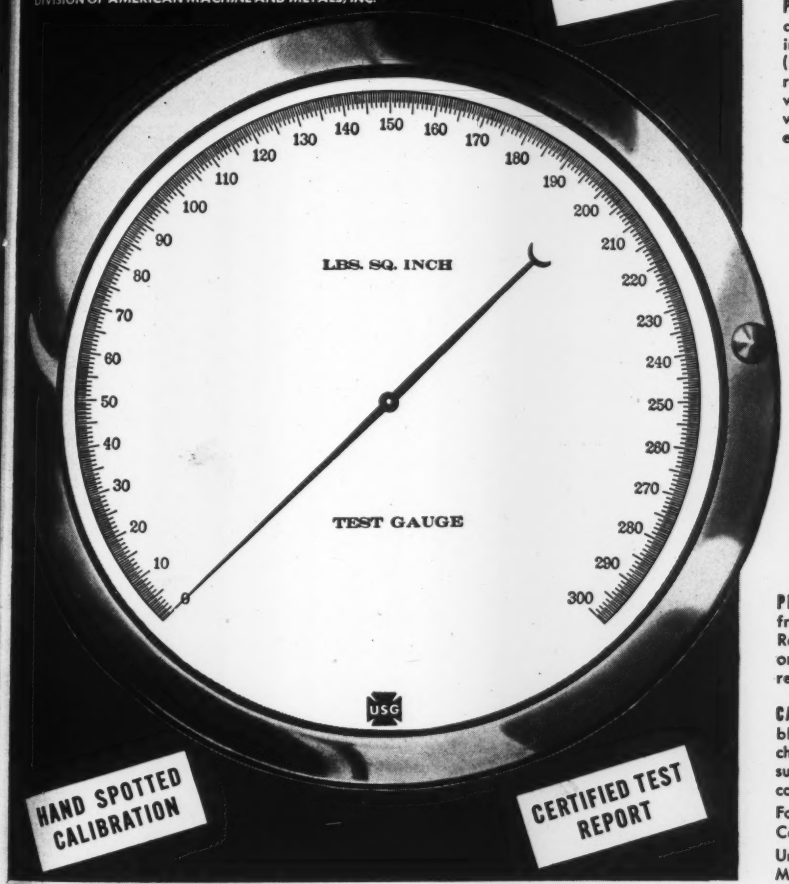

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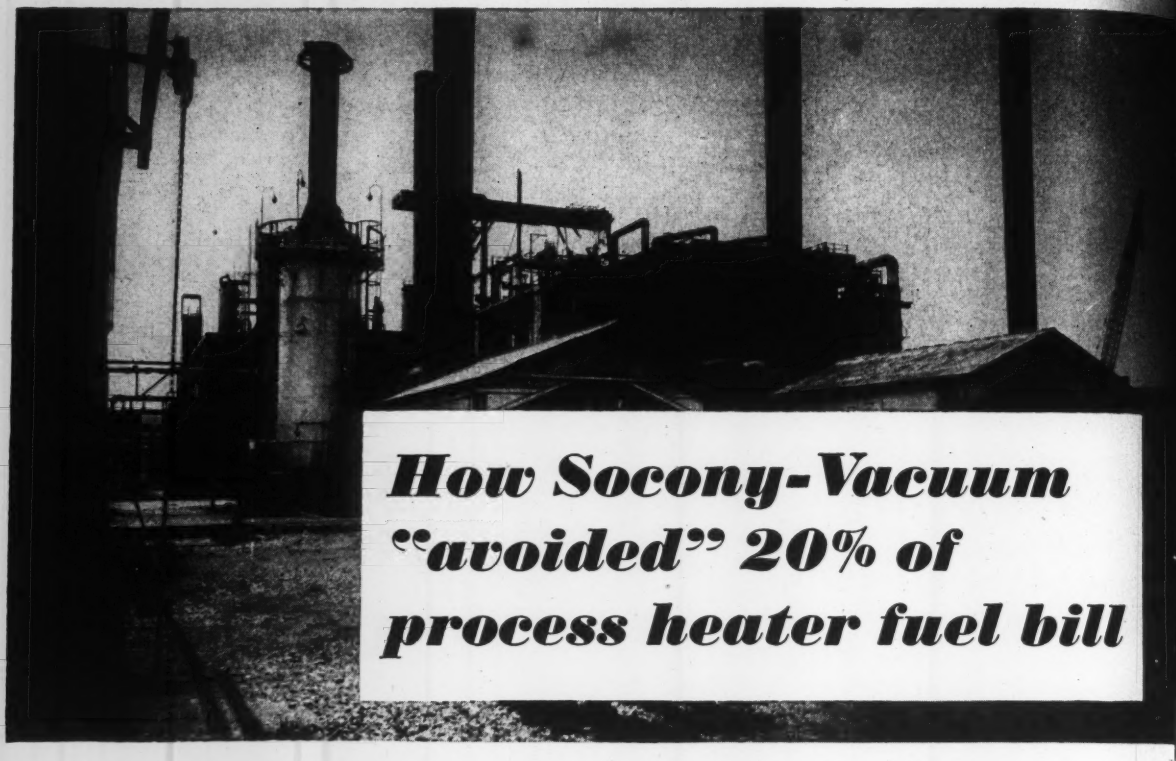

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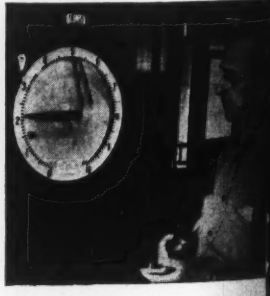

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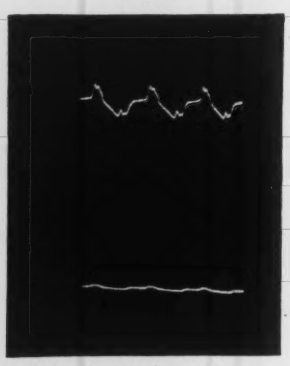
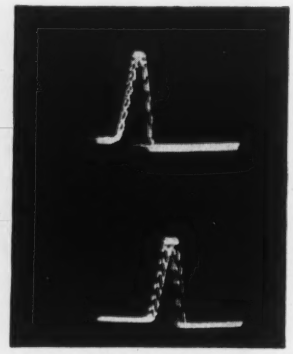
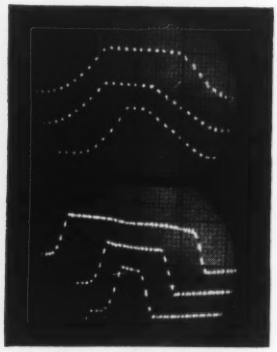


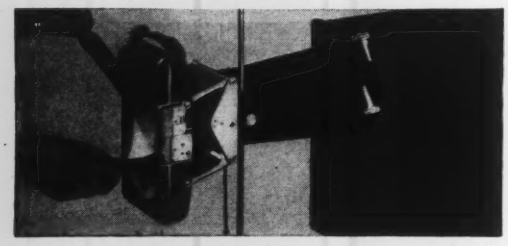
1. BEFORE AND AFTER. A visual comparison of "before and after" conditions is an easy job for the "one step" camera. Here, the upper trace shows the output of a full wave rectified power supply with insufficient filtering. The lower trace shows the effectiveness of the addition of a filtering condenser. The camera is easily adjusted to two positions (upper and lower) for two exposures; traces are exactly one half scope size.



2. SUPERIMPOSING FOR COMPARISON. The problem—determine the maximum time-interval variation between successive camera shutter openings and flash circuit closings. Instead of carefully measuring successive scope traces, the engineer superimposed several exposures for easy comparison. The length of the trace before the shutter opened is a measure of the time between the electrical contact closing and camera shutter opening.



3. MULTIPLE EXPOSURE PRE-SOLARIZATION. Here, by making 3 successive exposures on each half of the print, the engineer was able to record performance of a camera shutter at its 1/100, 1/200, 1/400 second (upper) and 1/25, 1/50, and 1/100 second settings (lower). "Pre-solarizing," the process of pre-exposing the print with the trace off the screen, made it possible to record the high writing speeds involved.



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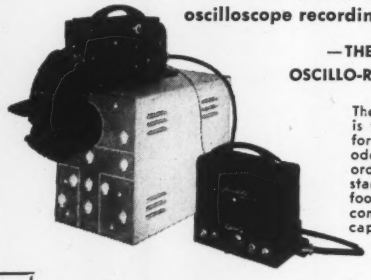

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Image Size—One-half reduction of scope image.

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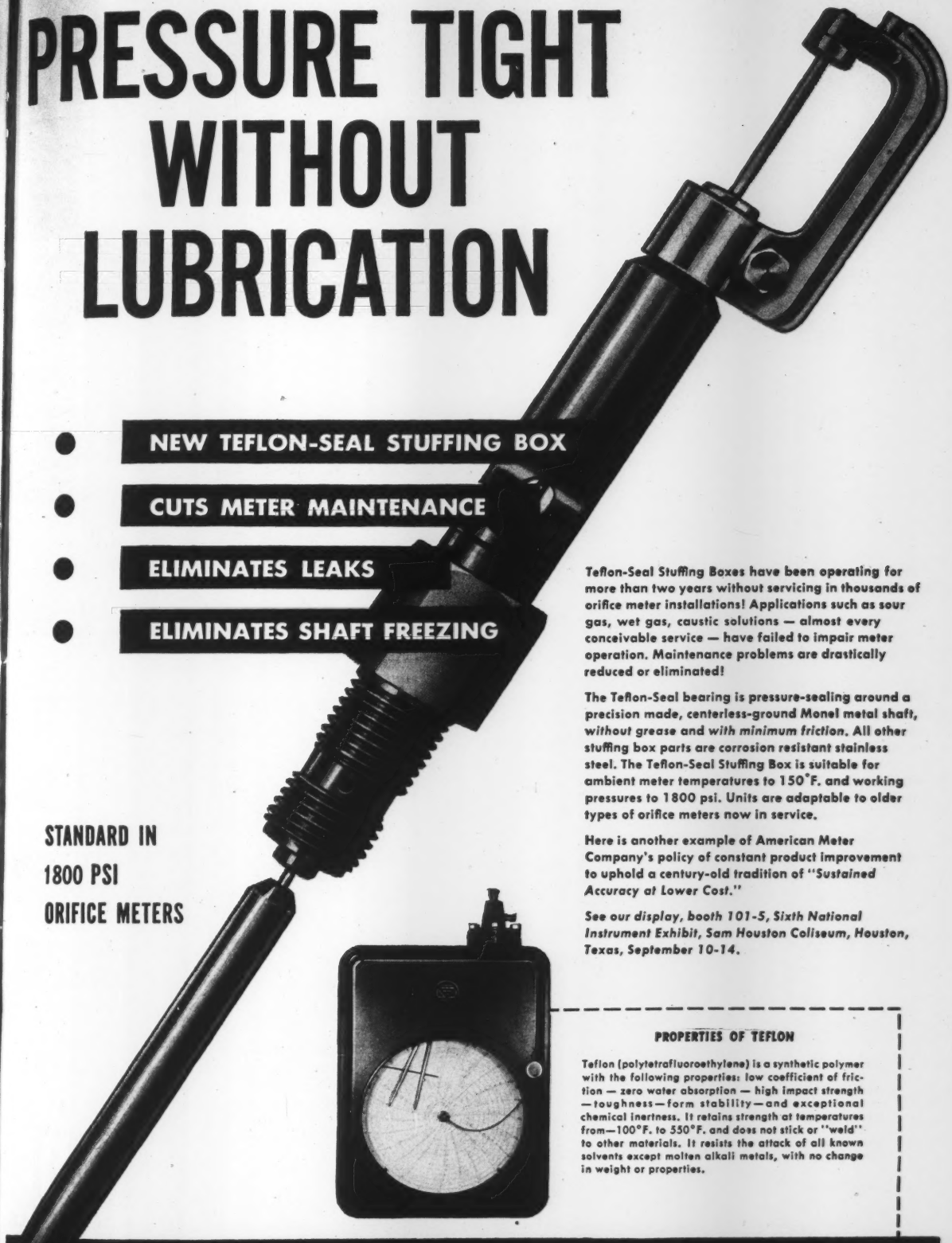

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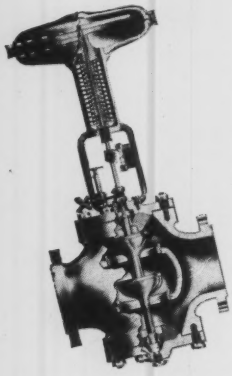

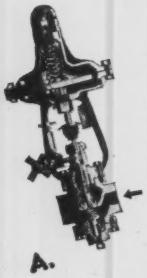

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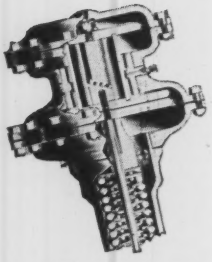

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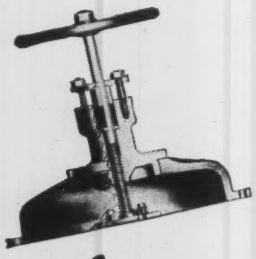

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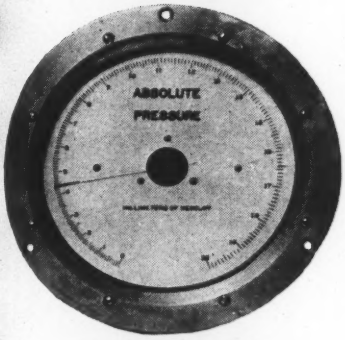

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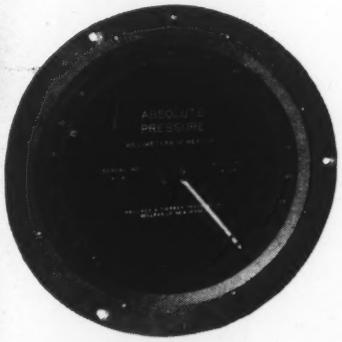

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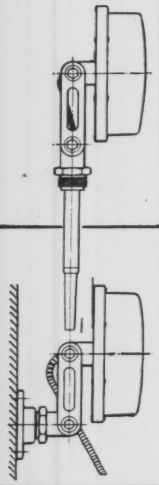

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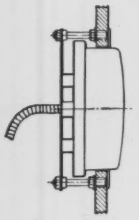

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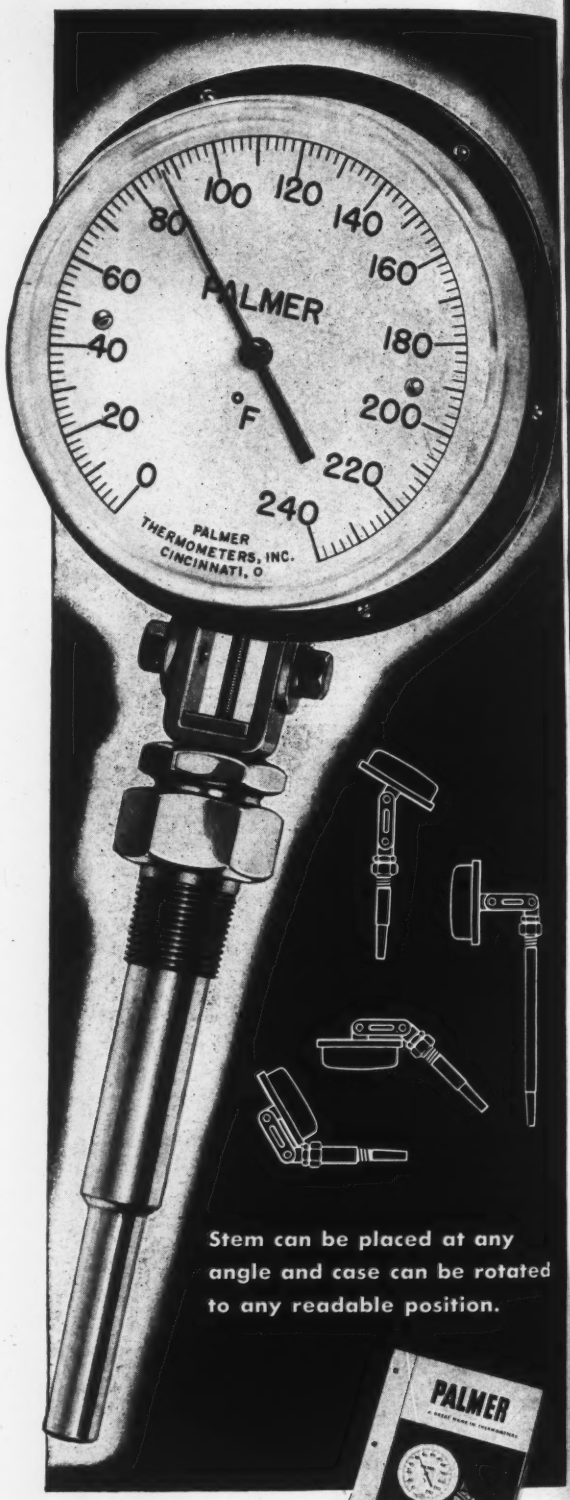

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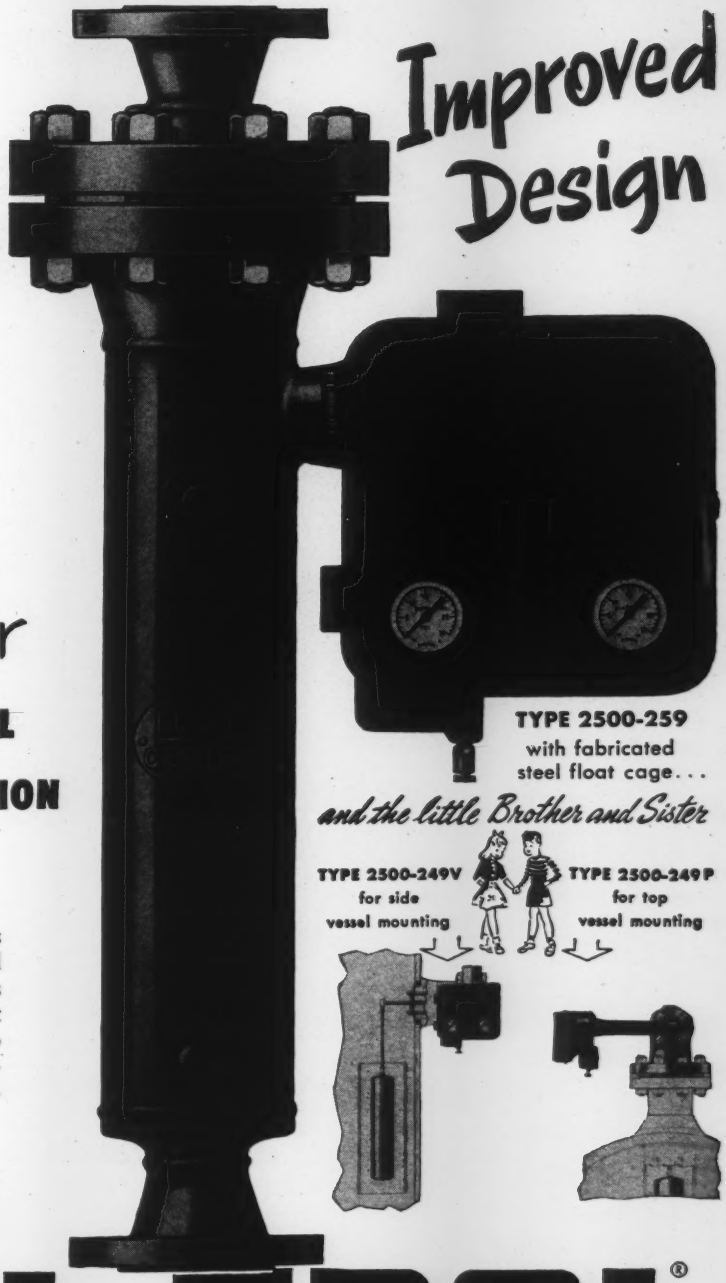

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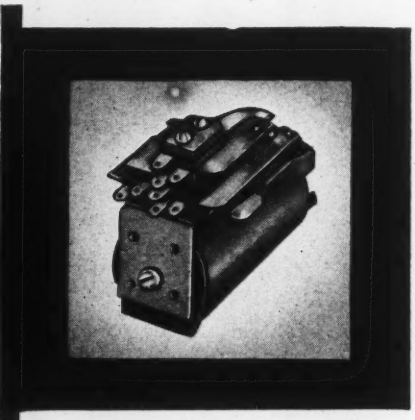

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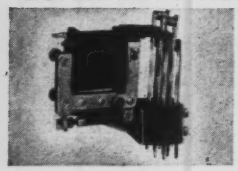

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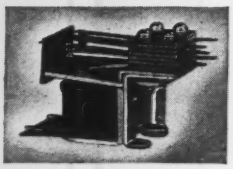

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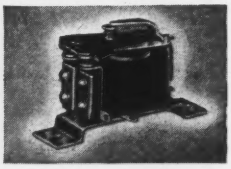

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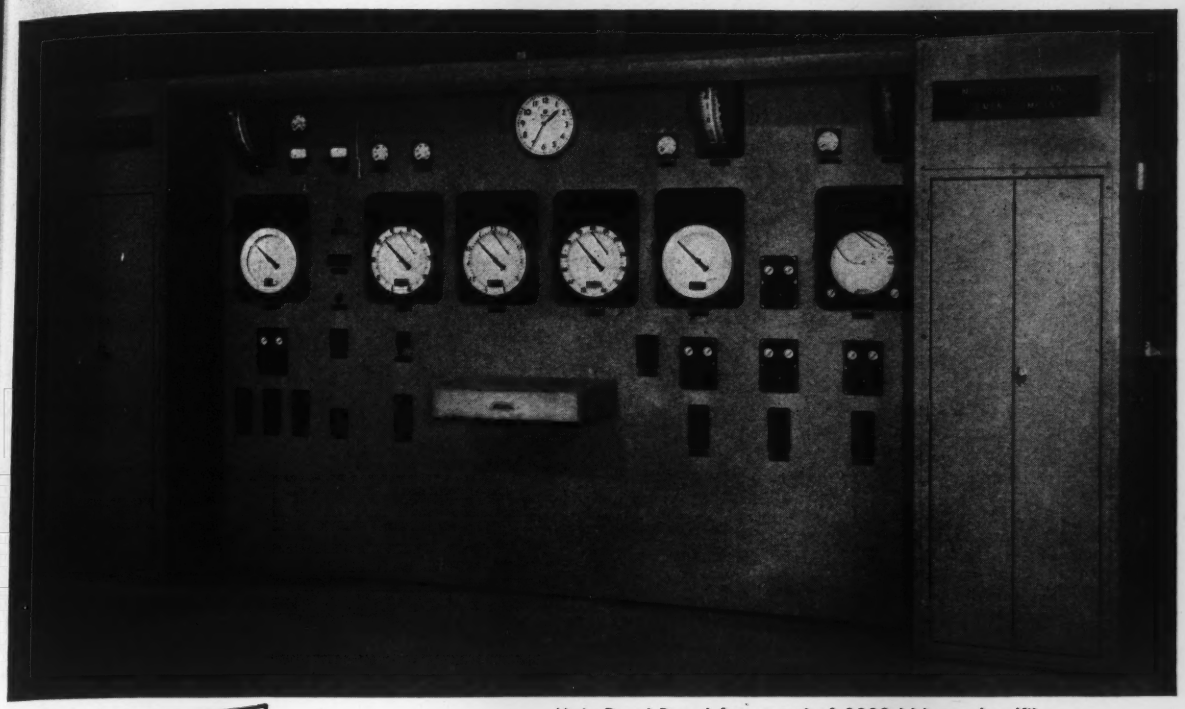

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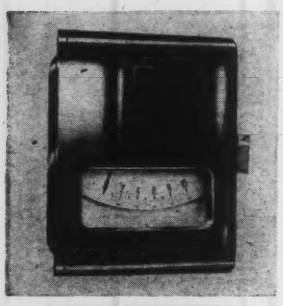

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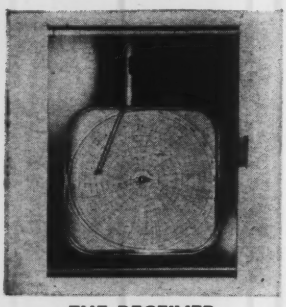

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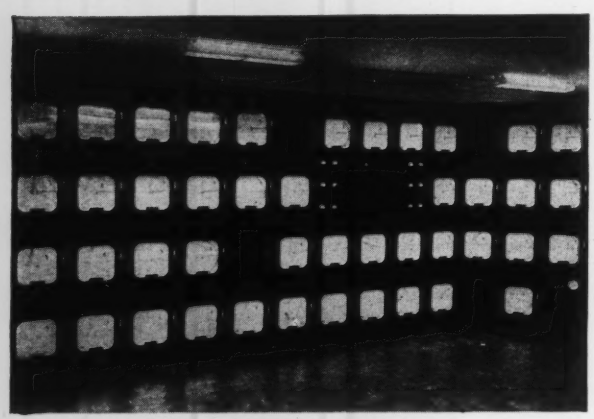

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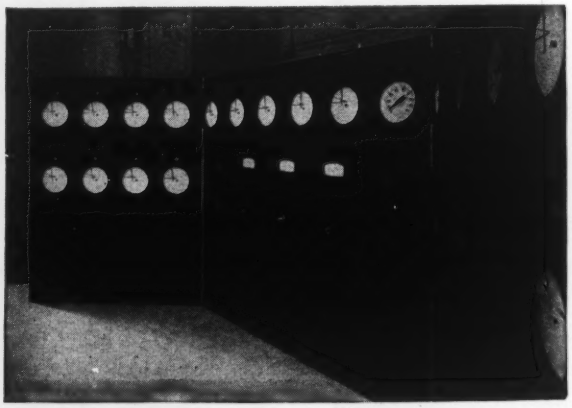

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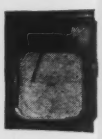

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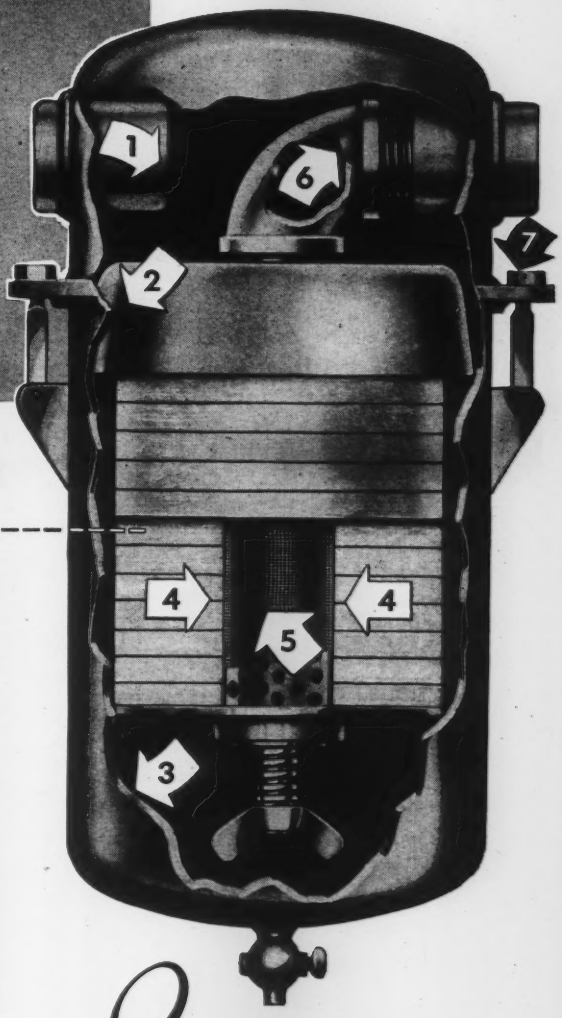

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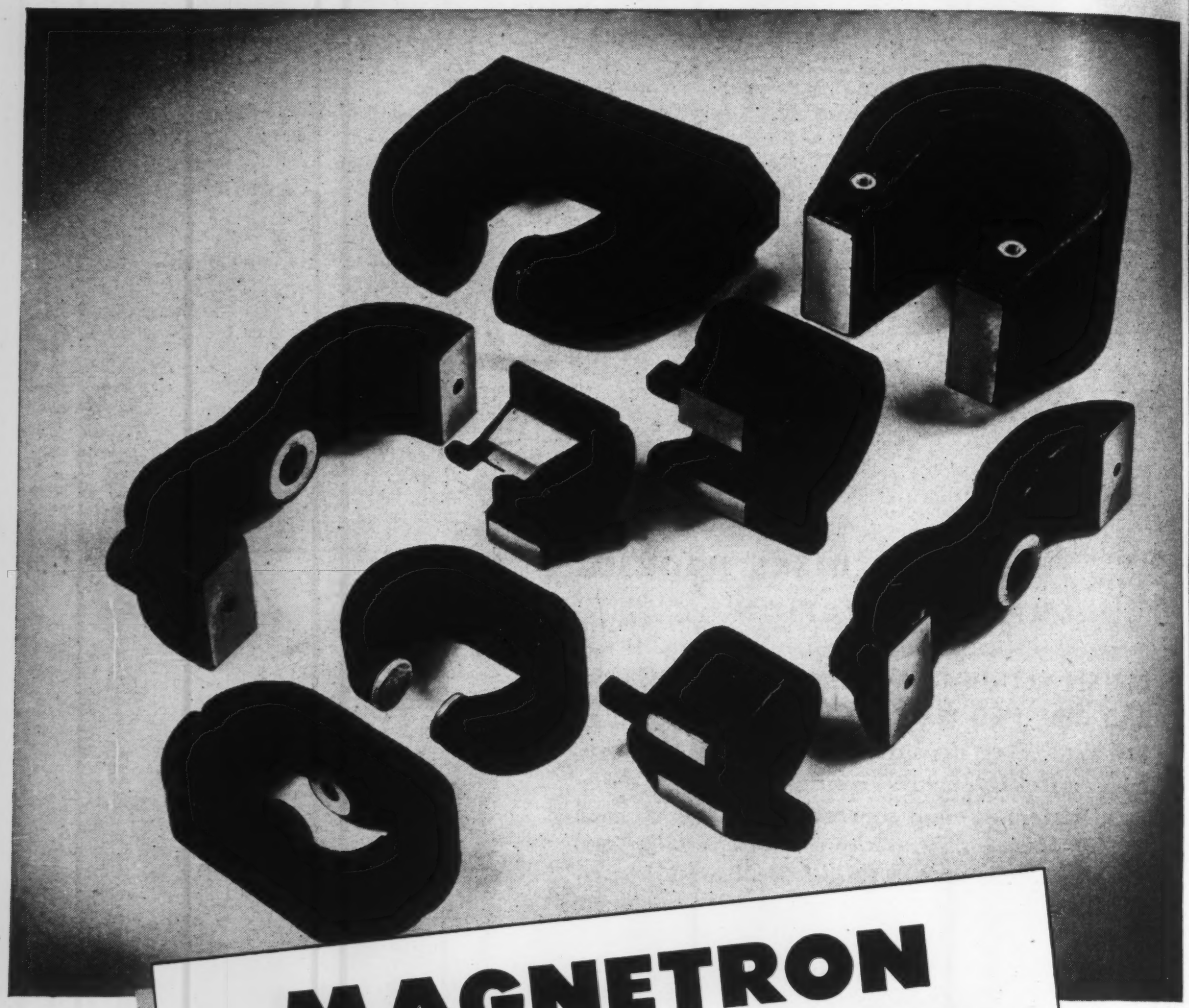

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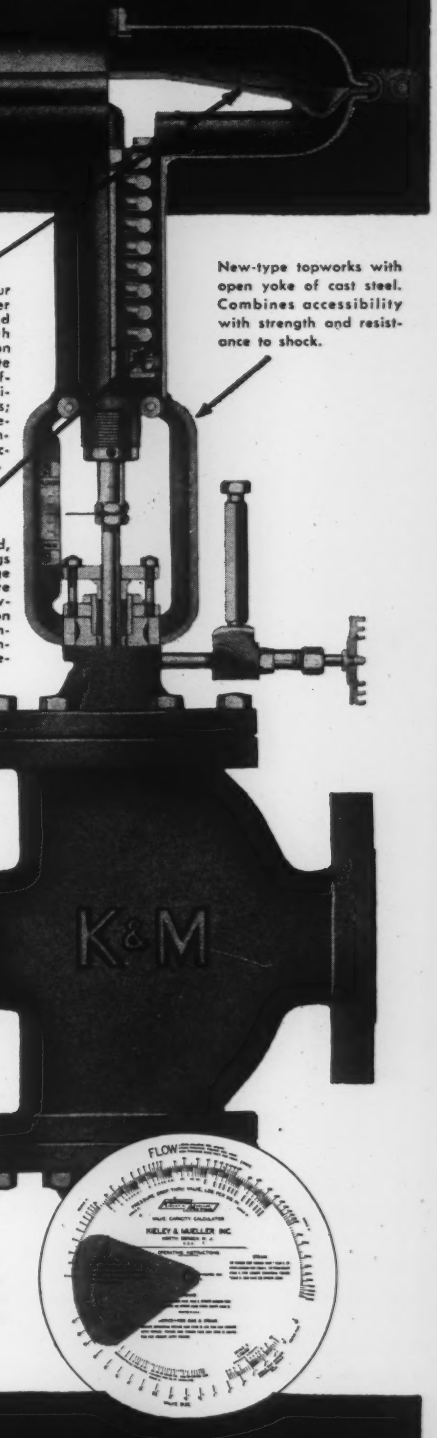
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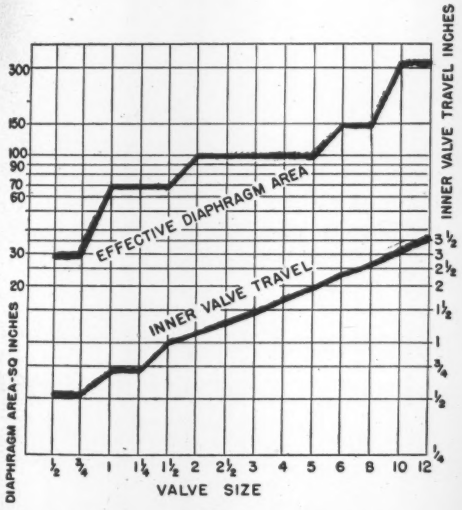

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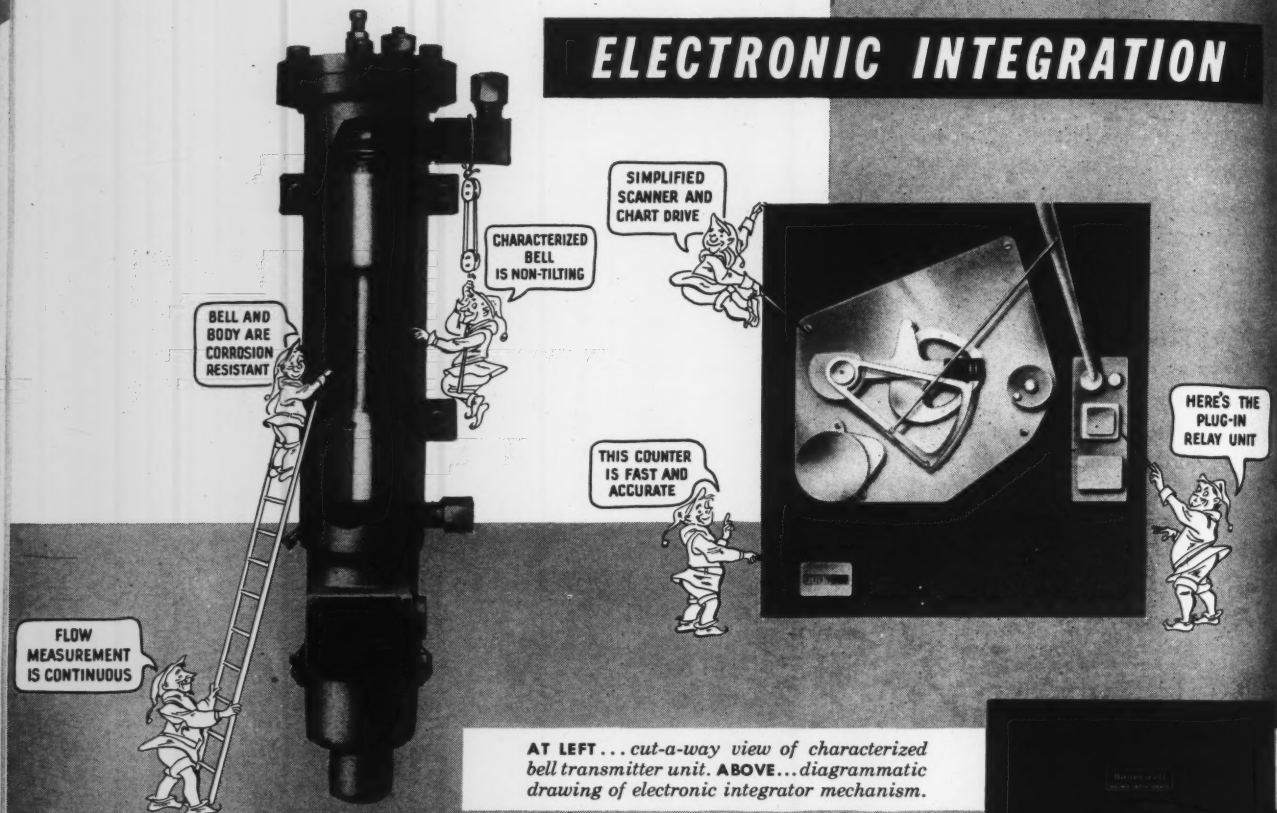
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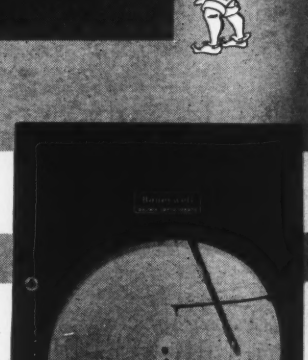

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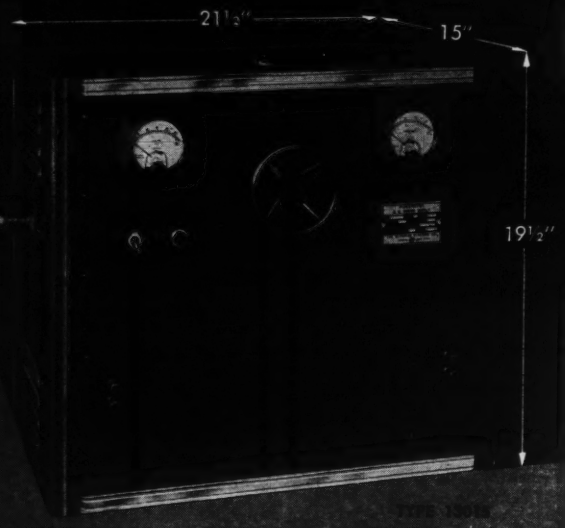

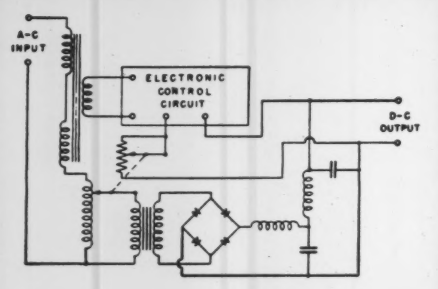

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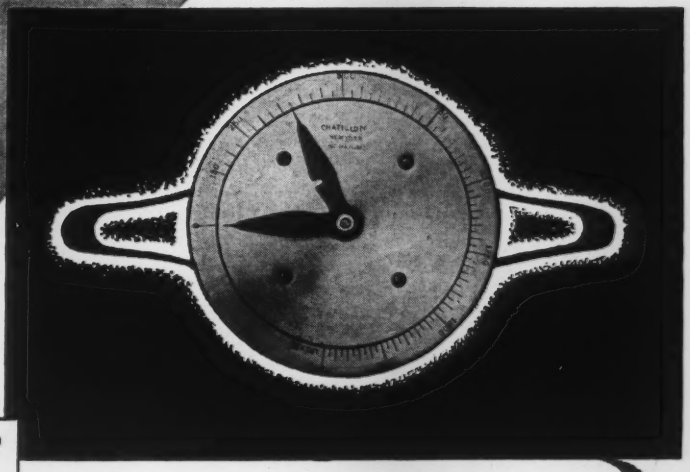

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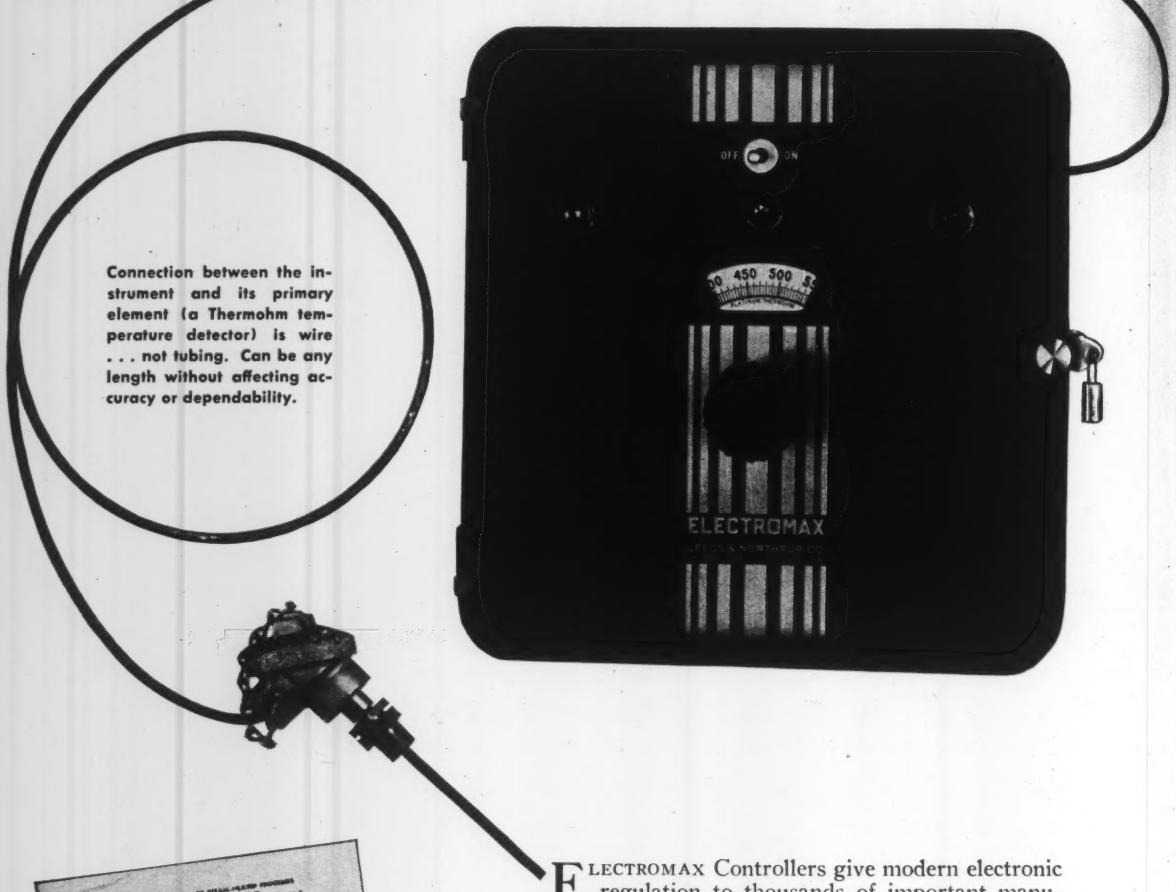

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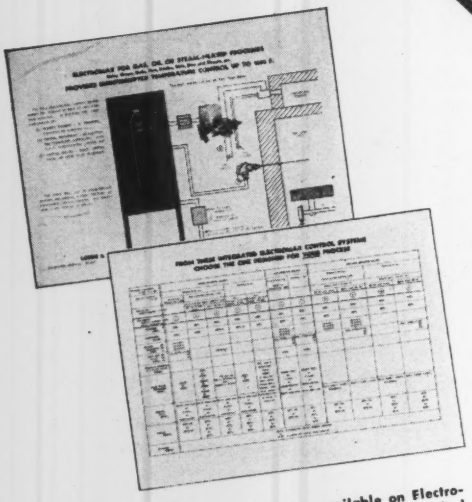

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Plan Your Trip to Houston Now

EVERY reader of these lines who can possibly go to Houston in early September should plan to do so. According to an ISA press release, Houston will then be the scene of the largest instrument exhibit "ever held in the Western Hemisphere."

And that's no Texas press-agent exaggeration! The number of companies that have signed up for booths at this writing is 147—the largest yet; the total number of booth spaces—219—is likewise the largest; and the 25,000 square feet of actual exhibit space likewise sets a new record.

As usual (for the sixth consecutive year) the August issue of *Instruments* will feature the floor plan, the exhibitors' directory and the programs of the ISA and of the eight cooperating societies and institutions. These are:

Instruments and Regulators Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Instruments and Measurements Committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Institute of Radio Engineers; American Institute of Physics; Gulf Coast Spectrographic Society; National Association of Corrosion Engineers; Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College; The Piper Liner's Club.

With so many cooperating organizations, the total number of technical sessions will probably set a new record. During the hours devoted to presentation of technical papers, THREE sessions will be going on simultaneously—but almost always on different subjects. Then, too, there will be numerous society and institution luncheons and dinners—with invited speakers who are prominent in their respective fields.

In addition to this imposing technical and social program, the Houston Conference will also be the scene of the Third Pre-Conference Instrument Mechanics' Maintenance Clinic. This is a once-a-year opportunity for 200 instrument mechanics to get twenty hours of instruction on installation, trouble-shooting, maintenance and repair of the instruments of ten of the companies who participate in the Exhibit. The Clinic students, in small groups, attend classes on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately preceeding the opening of the Exhibit. Instructors and demonstration equipment are supplied by the instrument companies. At the conclusion of the Clinic, students—who receive a certificate—are free to attend the Exhibit or the Conference sessions beginning on Monday morning.

Companies participating in the Houston Clinic are: Brown Instruments Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.; Fisher Governor Co.; Foxboro Co.; Hagan Corp.; Leeds & Northrup Co.; Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc.; Mason-Neilan Regulator Co.; Moore Products Co.; Republic Flow Meters Co.; and Taylor Instrument Companies.

The Clinic will be held in the E. W. Cullen Building on the campus of the University of Houston on September 7th, 8th and 9th. The Conference will open Monday, September 10th, and will continue through Friday. Technical sessions will be held at the Sam Houston Music Hall throughout the week. The Exhibit will be held in the Sam Houston Coliseum; it will open Monday at 12 noon. It may be attended without charge upon proper registration. A small fee will be charged for attendance at the technical sessions.

Crucial Need of Automatized Inspection

IT was on doctor's order that your editor spent a month in Southern California. Although anything resembling work had been forbidden, invitations to visit plants and labs proved irresistible—but now, on looking back, there's no cause for regret. On the contrary: only by observing with one's own eyes could one grasp the tremendous progress that has been made in missile guidance—to name only one field of modern instrumentation for which Southern California would be famous IF details could be published. Only by conferring with leaders of Research and Development teams and with Production Managers could one appreciate the seriousness of the problems that remain to be solved in order that our beloved nation can win the new races for supremacy. Our only regret is that we didn't disobey the doctor until after two full weeks of idling in the sun. But we saw and heard enough in the last two weeks to make us want to urge and implore every reader to do his utmost to automatize America's Defense Effort.

America's ace-in-the-hole is Instrumentation; but we Americans are not sufficiently accelerating and expanding the use of measurement-and-control techniques. Wonders are being accomplished in developing new weapons utilizing Instrumentation principles; also in developing new instruments for detection, interception, etc., but the rate of production of most new Defense items is inexcusably slow. One reason: the production rate of NEW COMPONENTS is inexcusably slow. This is true not only in California but wherever sub-contracts have been awarded.

For America to survive, her output per man-hour must rise by 2 to 4 percent EVERY year—as it rose in the past. Since returning from California, we've tried to ascertain the man-hour outputs in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, and other districts; and if our informants are correct, Industrial America is slipping, slipping, slipping!

The most urgent need is to automatize the production and inspection of the new components—especially their inspection. All over the country there is such a shortage of human inspectors that standards risk being lowered—thereby lowering production by increasing rejection wastage and impairing interchangeability.

No men are better qualified to remedy this deplorable situation than are *Instruments'* subscribers. One group in Pittsburgh has organized an Inspection and Gaging Committee within the ISA. Similar groups should organize elsewhere—formally or informally—without delay.

The production and inspection of mechanical components became almost a "manless factory" miracle in the course of the second world war; now let the production and inspection of the new components be automatized!—MFB

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I. THE ELECTRICAL NATURE OF MATTER

ABSTRACT.—A brief history is given of the methods by which the atom and its constituent parts, particularly the electron, were discovered and measured. Current, direction of current, current sources, and current values are explained.

ELECTRONICS deals with the actions of electrons in gases. Although the principal electronic devices are vacuum tubes and gas tubes, the tubes are always a part of electric circuits which include resistors, capacitors, various sources of potential, etc. The application of electronics in industry is so extensive that every technical worker in the field of industrial instrumentation should be familiar with the principles of operation of electronic devices and electric circuits.

Although most books about the history of physics begin with the writings of the Greeks Pythagoras (about 500 B. C.), Aristotle (about 350 B. C.), Euclid (about 300 B. C.), and Archimedes (about 250 B. C.), it was only in the nineteenth and twentieth century that experimental evidence was used to prove conclusively that (1) matter is made of atoms and molecules, (2) there are only about 100 different types of atoms, called elements, and (3) atoms are made of particles, the most important of which are electrons, protons, and neutrons.

A brief review of some of the early experiments which were used to establish these well-known facts helps to remove the aura of mystery and wonder that surrounds the unimaginably small dimensions and wondrously large numbers associated with the electrical components of matter.

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MASS OF THE ATOM

In 1828 Robert Brown discovered a continuous irregular motion of very small particles suspended in a fluid. It was proved that moving molecules of the liquid caused this motion by bombarding the particles in the liquid, and that all molecules in matter move at a rate dependent on the temperature of the matter. Careful analysis of this thermal, or Brownian, motion yielded values for the kinetic energy of the motion.

A German physicist, Otto Stern, made direct measurements of the velocities of sodium atoms in a vacuum. Once the kinetic energy (K.E.) and velocity (v) of sodium atoms were known, the mass was calculated from the formula for kinetic energy:

$$K.E. = \tfrac{1}{2}mv^2.$$

As the relative weights of all the elements were known, the masses of all the elements were calculated. The mass of the lightest atom, hydrogen, was found to be 1.6×10^{-24} gram.

VOLUME OF THE ATOM

An important discovery that had been made earlier by chemists was used to determine the size of the atom. This discovery was that if we take a quantity of matter whose weight in grams equals its molecular-weight—that is, a *mol*, or gram-molecule—there is a fixed number of molecules in that amount of matter. This number, called Avogadro's number, is about 6.0×10^{23}. As the molecular weight of water is 18, there are 6.0×10^{23} molecules in 18 grams of water, or about 3.3×10^{22} molecules in 1 gram of water. But 1 gram of water occupies 1 cubic centimeter of volume. Therefore, the volume of 1 molecule of water must be $1/(3.3 \times 10^{22})$ cubic centimeter. It is interesting to note that the number of molecules of water in a drop of water is about the same as the number of drops of water in Lake Michigan.

Once the masses and diameters of atoms and molecules were known, the internal structure of the atom was investigated. As different atoms possess different properties, the logical theory that these differences were due to variations in the internal structure of the atoms was advanced in a later part of the nineteenth century. One of the earliest observations made was that electric charges of two kinds were produced by rubbing certain materials together. Therefore, it was theorized that atoms contain two kinds of electric charge, which were called positive and negative. The negative charges were called *electrons* by Dr. G. J. Stoney in 1891.

THE ELECTRON

About this time it was discovered that a discrete particle of electric charge exists. Electrically charged atoms, or ions, were used to experiment with this idea. The way to produce ions is to add an electrical charge to, or subtract it from, a normally neutral atom. The process is called ionization.

One simple way to produce ions is to dissolve a salt such as silver nitrate in a solvent such as water. The neutral molecules of the silver-nitrate salt break up into positive silver ions and negative nitrate ions. The solution is known as an electrolytic solution. Electroplating is accomplished by inserting positive and negative electrodes into the electrolytic solution. The positive ions are attracted to and deposit themselves on the negative electrode, and the negative ions migrate to the positive electrode.

Michael Faraday, an English scientist of the early part of the nineteenth century, found that a relation existed be-

tween the amount of electricity passed through an electrolytic solution and the amount of material deposited on the electrodes. Faraday showed from this that the electric charge carried by atoms is always a whole-number multiple of a certain elementary amount of charge. This unit of charge is now known to be the charge on one electron. The charge on the electron is the smallest unit of charge.

Robert Millikan, an American scientist, performed a fundamental and far-reaching experiment in 1909. By observing the motion of minute drops of oil in an electric field (Fig. 1), he found that the electric charge developed on the oil droplet when it was irradiated with ultraviolet light was always a whole-number multiple of a small unit of charge. This minimum amount of electric charge turned out to be exactly the same as the smallest unit estimated from the afore-mentioned electrolyic experiments by Faraday. This and other evidence proved conclusively that there exists a unit electrical charge, the charge on an electron.

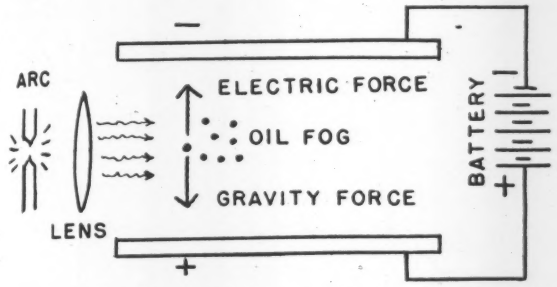

Fig. 1-1. Millikan's apparatus for measuring the elementary electric charge.

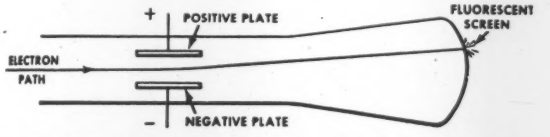

Fig. 1-2. Thompson's arrangement for measuring the ratio of the charge to the mass of an electron.

Thus far we have mentioned the discovery of a unit of matter, the atom, and a unit of charge, the charge on an electron. After the atom and electron were discovered efforts were made to obtain and measure a "separate" electron.

Photoelectricity

All bodies become electrically charged positive when illuminated with ultraviolet light such as that produced by an electric arc. Millikan used ultraviolet light to develop charges on the oil droplets in his experiment for measuring the charge on an electron. As ultraviolet light does not carry any electric charge, it cannot supply the positive charge to the body it illuminates. We must conclude, therefore, that the observed effect is due to the loss of negative charges, or electrons, by the illuminated surface. Some substances are so sensitive that they emit electrons when illuminated with ordinary light. This phenomenon, known as photoelectricity, was one of the methods used to obtain a free electron in space.

Thermionic Emission

A similar effect was noted in hot bodies. Experiments proved that negative charges are emitted from the surface of hot bodies, particularly from metals. This phenomenon, called thermionic emission, is another method by which free electrons may be obtained.

As all matter consists of atoms, it was theorized that the effect of heating and illuminating a body is to extract negative charges from the atoms. The particles of negative charge, therefore, must be loosely bound constituent parts of atoms because they escape easily from the atom.

Mass of the Electron

The question of whether electrons possess any mass was investigated next. The ratio of the electric charge of an electron to its mass was first measured at the end of the last century by the British physicist, Sir J. J. Thomson. Thomson permitted a beam of electrons, obtained by either photoelectric or thermionic emission, to pass between the charged plates of a capacitor (Fig. 2). The electrons, being negatively charged, were attracted by the positive plate and repelled by the negative plate. The deflection was observed by permitting the electron beam to fall on a fluorescent screen. This was the forerunner of the modern oscilloscope. The deflecting force acting on the electrons as they passed through the capacitor was directly proportional to the charge on the electron, but inversely proportional to the mass of the electron. Thus the ratio of charge to mass, or specific charge, was derived from the experiment.

As the charge of the electron was known from the experiments of Millikan and Faraday, the mass of the electron could now be calculated. It was found that the mass of the electron is 1/1,840 that of the lightest atom, the hydrogen atom. The electron is the lightest known mass. The high speed of response of electronic circuits is due to the exceedingly small mass of the electron. As it is practically weightless, it can be accelerated to high speeds and then stopped instantaneously.

Internal Structure of the Atom

After the atom and electron were discovered, the problem of what the atom consists of was attacked by many scientists. As the atom apparently contains negative electrons, and as it is normally uncharged, it must contain a number of positive charges equal to the negative charges. Early workers thought that the atom was like a bean bag filled with equal numbers of positive and negative "beans" homogeneously distributed throughout the bag. But experiments carried on by Lord Rutherford and others showed that this could not be a true picture of the atomic model.

Let us consider what would happen if somebody shot at a bean bag with a high-speed gun. We would expect the bullets to be slowed down and to be slightly deflected from their course by collisions with the beans in the bag. Rutherford shot high-speed alpha particles, which are emitted by radioactive substances, at atoms.

He found that most of his "bullets" were not deflected, that many were only slightly deflected, that a few were deflected greatly, and that occasionally a few deflected backward. The only way that Rutherford could explain his results was by assuming that the atom, instead of being a homogeneous mass, was really composed of a small, very dense nucleus, plus a shell of lighter particles. As most of his projectiles had not been deflected, Rutherford reasoned that most of the volume of the atom is empty space.

Several years later Niels Bohr, a Danish physicist, presented a theory of the atom, for which he was awarded the Nobel prize for physics in 1912. According to Bohr's theory, the atom is like a solar system. At the center is a dense nucleus corresponding to a sun. At a relatively great distance away from the center are many lighter particles, which spin around it in circular or elliptical orbits. Just as most of the volume of a solar system is empty space, the atom also is mostly empty space. Bohr said that the central mass is composed of the positively charged particles, called *protons*. The particles moving in orbits around the nucleus are the lighter, negatively charged *electrons*.

The chemical properties of elements are completely determined by the number of protons and electrons contained in the atoms of the elements. The diagrams of a few of the simpler atoms are given in Fig. 3. Note the relatively small volume occupied by the nucleus and the large volume of free space. Note also the small mass of the electron as compared with that of the proton. As the proton is about 1840 times as heavy as the electron, the mass of the atom is determined mostly by the number of protons in the nucleus of the atom.

The lightest and simplest atom is the hydrogen atom. The

hydrogen atom has a single proton in the nucleus and a single electron. As the hydrogen nucleus is a single proton, the symbol for the proton is H^+. The symbol for the electron is e^-, or simply e. As hydrogen is the lightest element, an atom of hydrogen is said to have a mass of one. The next heavier atom, that of helium (He), has a mass of four relative to hydrogen and therefore was expected to contain four protons. However, it was found that the helium atom has only two protons instead of the four expected because of its weight. The rest of its mass was found to come from two additional particles called neutrons, also located in the nucleus of the atom. The neutron has the same mass as the proton but no charge. The symbol for the neutron is the letter n.

In addition to the electron (e^-), neutron (n), and proton (H^+), there was discovered another constituent particle

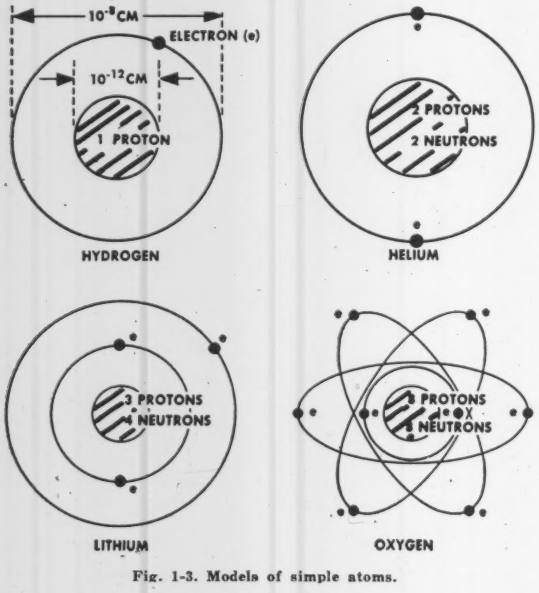

Fig. 1-3. Models of simple atoms.

of the atom, the positron. The positron is a particle that has the same mass as the electron, but, whereas the electron has unit negative charge, the positron has unit positive charge. The symbol for the positron is e^+. The positron is a recent discovery. It is formed only when high-energy radiation strikes a nucleus, and it has a short life. Therefore, it is not found in electronic circuits as are electrons.

Although physicists have discovered and named *fifteen* different kinds of subatomic particles, the electron, proton, and neutron are most important in the performance of electronic devices. Charged atoms and molecules (i.e., ions) also are important in instrument electronics.

Current

A current is simply a flow of electric charges. The charges can be either positive or negative. Thus the motion of positive and negative ions in an electrolytic solution is a current. Similarly, the motion of electrons is a current.

Free Electrons

The outermost orbital electrons are more loosely bound to the atom than the inner electrons. As they are comparatively free to move away from the atom, they are spoken of as *free electrons*. The motion of free electrons is the most familiar type of current. One ampere of current represents the passage of 6 billion billion (6.3×10^{18}) electrons in 1 second through any given cross section. The cross section may be taken across a solid, as in a wire, across a gas, as in a thyratron, or across a liquid, as in an electrolytic solution. Metals possess free electrons in large numbers and are, therefore, good conductors of electric current.

Potential

Charges move when they are attracted or repelled by other charges and when they have a path through which they can move. Any point which repels electrons, such as a point at which there is a large number of electrons, is considered a point of "negative potential." A point at which there is less than a normal number of electrons is considered a point of "positive potential." Therefore, an electron is repelled from a point of negative potential and is attracted to a point of positive potential. The difference in potential between two points can be defined in terms of the force of attraction or repulsion on an electron. This difference in potential is also called *voltage* or *electromotive force* (*emf.*).

The current that flows through an object depends on the potential applied across the object—that is, on the potential difference between two points. In any one circuit there usually are several points of different potential. It is necessary, therefore, to have some reference point.

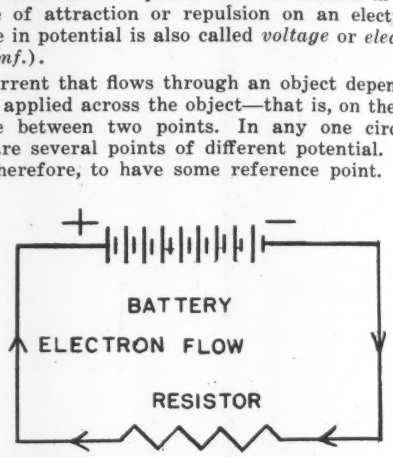

Fig. 1-4. Electron current flow through a resistor connected across a battery.

The earth is so large that it can supply or accept large currents without change in potential. Therefore, it is the most common point of reference potential. Most circuits have one point connected to ground, and all other points in the circuit are then referred to this grounded point of zero potential.

Direction of Current

As the earliest workers in the field did not know about electrons, they arbitrarily assumed that current flows from positive to negative. This direction for current is true only for positive charges such as positive ions. However, the most common current is electron current, which flows from negative to positive, as shown in Fig. 4.

Although many textbooks still consider "current" to flow from positive to negative, most modern books consider current only as electron current, and current flow only from negative to positive.

When the current flows continuously in one direction it is called *direct current* (d.c.). When the current changes direction periodically it is called *alternating current* (a.c.). When the current flows intermittently in one direction, it is called *pulsating direct current*. The *frequency* of an alternating current is one-half of the number of times per second that the current reverses direction.

Current Sources

Direct current can be produced in large amounts (amperes) by converting chemical or mechanical energy into electrical energy. Chemical energy is converted into electrical energy by means of cells, each of which consists of electrodes immersed in an electrolyte. The chemical reaction in the cell causes one terminal (the negative terminal) to have an excess of electrons and the other terminal (the positive terminal) to have a deficiency of electrons.

Cells are divided into two kinds—primary cells and secondary cells. Primary cells use an irreversible chemical reaction which consumes the electrodes. Therefore, primary

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A Method *for* Correcting Orifice-meter Measurements *for* Flow Pulsations

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ABSTRACT.—An approximate method for calculating flowmeter errors caused by pulsations in the line is made by (1) expressing the error in terms of differential-head only, (2) expressing the pulsation error in terms of the rms. value of the pulsation and the average value of the differential pressure, and (3) using only the first significant term in the series expression of the error equation. The resultant error expression, which uses only the rms. and average values of the differential pressure, is tested for several waveforms and found to give an accuracy of 1 percent flow up to pulsation errors of about 7 percent. Tentative instrumentation for obtaining the rms. value and for using the method is shown.

Introduction

ACCURATE flow measurement is a necessity in the natural-gas transmission industry, where *one percent* of the annual sales amounts to about ten million dollars. The problem of measuring steady flow to an accuracy within commercially acceptable tolerances has been solved by inferential measurements. A wide variety of carefully engineered flowmeters are commercially available which are fully satisfactory for steady-flow applications. There have been, however, no practical methods or instruments available for the measurement of pulsating flow, or for the quantitative determination of flowmeter errors resulting from pulsations.

On gas transmission lines, flow pulsations arise from the use of reciprocating compressors. Severe pulsations often are reduced by the use of mufflers, pulsation dampeners, or upstream orifices. In many situations, however, it is difficult or impractical to eliminate the pulsations for metering purposes because of the cost of the additional equipment and the resulting increase in required compressor horsepower. This is particularly true when the pulsations are augmented by resonant conditions in the piping.

In nearly all installations the pulsation errors are positive—that is, the measured flow is greater than the actual flow. Hence pulsation errors do not average out over a period of time or multiplicity of installations. More important, the error due to pulsations can exceed commereially acceptable tolerances. This is unsatisfactory not only with regard to the purchase and sale of gas but also with regard to the determination of leakage. An upstream meter near a compressor station can indicate more gas being delivered to the line than is measured at a downstream station which is free from pulsation effects. The meters thus can indicate leakage which does not exist.

Pulsometer.—The "pulsometer" provides a means of relating peak differential pressure to the mean differential pressure in order to determine whether the pulsation error is greater or less than the generally acceptable value of 1 percent. The empirical curve utilized with this instrument is based on data obtained from an extensive test program and checks very closely with the expected theoretical relationships. This commercially available instrument is being used widely for this application. However, the instrument is not generally used to correct the final measurements for the pulsation error, or to determine the magnitude of errors exceeding 1 percent. The reason for this is that the instrument measures only the peak pressure in one direction and, therefore, cannot take into account the pulsation waveform or allow for rapidly fluctuating amplitudes. These effects increase rapidly for errors greater than 1 percent. The problem remains how to measure errors that exceed the acceptable 1-percent value.

The principal difficulty in developing instruments to measure pulsating flow with orifice flowmeters has been the lack of a simple functional relationship between the error due to pulsations and any quantity which can be determined by inferential measurements. As orifice flow meters are in wide usage and provide accurate means of metering steady flow, an auxiliary instrument to indicate or record the quantity required to correct for pulsation errors appears to be the most practical solution. This article presents a relationship between the pulsation error and certain measurable quantities, together with the method of correction and the required auxiliary instrumentation*. The proposed solution to the problem is based on an engineering approach and requires certain assumptions and approximations, which are defined and discussed.

Cause of Pulsation Error

The principal cause of pulsation error is the fact that the meter mechanism cannot follow the rapid pulsations and consequently indicates *average* differential pressure. The square root of the average differential pressure is integrated to obtain total flow. However, the correct flow is proportional to the integrated square root of the *instantaneous* differential pressure, and not the average differential pressure. Some types of insufficiently damped meters have rapid response characteristics and tend to follow the pressure pulsations, thus causing wavy lines on charts. These indications of pulsations are of little use, however, because the dynamic response of the mechanisms does not permit accurate reproduction of the pulsations. Even if the records were accurate, the overlapping or closely spaced lines would, for practical purposes, be non-integrable.

An acceptable inferential-head instrument suitable for measuring pulsating flow accurately must be capable of (1) extracting the square root of the instantaneous pressure differential across the orifice, which might vary rapidly with frequency components from, say, 20 to 100 cps.; and (2) integrating this fluctuating square-root value to an over-all accuracy of two percent.

The most practical approach is to continue to utilize existing flowmeters, which are reliable and accurate for the measurement of average pressure, and to use some auxiliary means to apply a secondary correction for the pulsation error.

Analysis of Pulsation Error

The following analysis applies to orifice-meter installations on gas transmission lines where the differential pressure across the orifice is small in comparison to the absolute static pressure in the line. The analysis is equally applicable to the inferential measurement of the flow of any liquid or gas with an orifice, venturi, or flow nozzle —provided that the conditions are such that the various assumptions regarding the nature of the flow conditions are valid.

The first and most important assumption is that the conventional steady-flow equation is applicable to pulsating flow. The limiting conditions are that if the pulsation waveform is complex, the distance between taps must be short compared to one quarter of the wavelength of the highest important pulsation harmonics. If a bank of reciprocating compressors which are not synchronized are supplying the line, the most severe pulsations occur during intervals when the compressors are approximately in phase, and hence occur at the lowest fundamental frequency. When the compressors are running at different speeds, amplitude beats occur. If they are running in synchronism but out of phase, the nonsinoidal pressure pulses tend to add, producing higher pulsation frequencies

* Patent pending.

but a more even flow with decreased pulsation amplitudes. Although considerable harmonic content is present in the compressor output waveform, the higher frequencies are more easily attenuated in the dampeners and lines. In nearly all meter installations near reciprocating-compressor stations, it is probable that the important pulsation frequencies are between 20 and 100 cps., corresponding to ¼ wavelengths from 12 to 2½ feet. In using the steady-flow equations for gases, therefore, we restrict the applicability of the method to flange and vena-contracta tap-orifice installations, or other installations in which the taps are less than 2½ feet apart. This assumption justifies the use of the steady-flow equation without regard to the partial-derivative terms for acceleration and continuity in Euler's basic dynamical flow equations. This procedure is analogous to the use of conventional "lumped-parameter" components in electrical circuits, which is valid at all except ultra-high frequencies where the wavelengths compare dimensionally to wiring lengths and component dimensions.

Steady-flow equation.—One general form [2] for the steady-flow equation for gases is:

$$W = 359.1(D_2)^2\, a K Y_1 \sqrt{\rho_1 h}$$

where:

- W = flow in lbs. per hour
- D_2 = orifice diameter in inches at 60 F.
- a = area multiplier to allow for thermal expansion
- K = orifice discharge coefficient
- Y_1 = expansion factor at upstream conditions
- ρ_1 = upstream density in lb./cu. ft.
- h = pressure differential in inches of water at 60 F.

As K is a function of Reynold's number and, therefore, of the mass flow rate, the value for K obtained by successive approximations using the average flow rate is not exactly correct for pulsating flow. However, by assuming various functions for W, it can be shown that the separately determined value for K (assuming steady flow) generally is better than 1 percent. As the expansion factor, Y_1, is essentially a linear function of differential pressure, the value of Y_1 obtained from the average differential pressure is correct. In view of the above, the equation may be rewritten as:

$$W = C\sqrt{\rho_1}\sqrt{h},$$

where $C = 359.1\ (D_2)^2 a K Y_1$

The terms $\sqrt{\rho_1}$ and $\sqrt{h}$ are separated because they are measured independently.

Under conditions of pulsating flow, both $(\sqrt{\rho_1})_{av.}$ and $(\sqrt{h})_{av.}$ are less than $\sqrt{\rho_{1av.}}$ and $\sqrt{h_{av.}}$, with the result that the measured value of flow is greater than the actual flow. The "average" subscripts on the expressions refer to the averaging done by the meter and in the integration of the chart. This averaging is done over time intervals which appear as short distances on the chart, but which are long compared to the lowest pulsation period.

If the density fluctuations are small in comparison with the velocity and differential-pressure fluctuations, it may be assumed that $(\sqrt{\rho_1})_{av.}$ is approximately equal to $\sqrt{\rho_{1av.}}$—again with the averages taken over short intervals. The quantity actually measured is P_1, the upstream line pressure. Although the relation between P_1 and ρ_1 is linear for small changes at constant temperature, the relationship is adiabatic at pulsation frequencies, which further tends to reduce the effect of density pulsations. As the density is independently determined from metered pressure and temperature in actual flow-measuring operations, the correction obtained from considering the $\sqrt{h}$ term cannot be large inasmuch as both effects tend to increase the ratio of measured flow to actual flow.

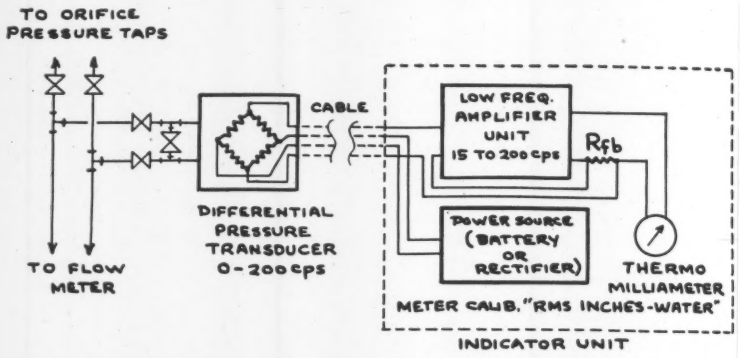


Fig. 1. Instrument for measuring rms. value of the fluctuating component of the differential pressure.

Under the stated conditions, however, and in view of past experimental evidence—where theoretical and experimental data checked on the basis of considering $\sqrt{h}$ alone—it is reasonable to consider the density term as having a minor effect except for extreme pulsation conditions.

Reducing the equations to the simplest forms for consideration of average values over short-time intervals:

$$W(\text{meas.}) = C_o\sqrt{h_{av.}}$$

$$W(\text{actual}) = C_o(\sqrt{h})_{av.}$$

Error ratio.—The *error ratio* due to pulsations is:

$$E_R = \frac{W(\text{meas.}) - W(\text{actual})}{W(\text{meas.})} = \frac{\sqrt{h_{av.}} - (\sqrt{h})_{av.}}{\sqrt{h_{av.}}} = 1 - \frac{(\sqrt{h})_{av.}}{\sqrt{h_{av.}}}$$

By defining new terms, this relation can be put in a more general mathematical form as follows:

Let h_P = pulsating component of differential pressure

Then, $h = h_{av.} + h_P$.

And,

$(h_P/h_{av.}) = f(t)$ = a function of time which may vary between -1 and $+1$ in amplitude.

As $h = h_{av.}[1+f(t)]$, the error ratio may be written as:

$$E_R = 1 - \left(\sqrt{1+f(t)}\right)_{av.}$$

or:

$$E_R = 1 - \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T \sqrt{1+f(t)}\ dt,$$

where T is the fundamental period of the pulsation, which may vary continuously without affecting the defined relationship. The problem now is to obtain E_R in terms of measurable quantities.

An Approximate Expression for Pulsation Error

Using the binomial theorem, the function $\sqrt{1+f(t)}$ can be expanded as follows:

$$\sqrt{1+f(t)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}f(t) - \frac{1}{8}f^2(t) + \frac{1}{16}f^3(t) - \frac{5}{128}f^4(t) + \cdots$$

This expression can be integrated term by term to obtain the average value. However, it is evident that the second term can be dropped by definition of the average pressure, i.e.:

$$\frac{1}{T}\int_0^T f(t)\,dt = \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T \frac{h-h_{av.}}{h_{av.}}dt = \frac{h_{av.}-h_{av.}}{h_{av.}} = 0$$

The fact that this term can be dropped makes it possible to derive the simplified expression for pulsation error which follows.

The coefficients become small for the higher order terms but do not approach zero. For relative pulsation amplitudes less than unity the $f^n(t)$ terms approach zero for higher values—that is, $f^n(t)$ approaches zero as n approaches infinity.

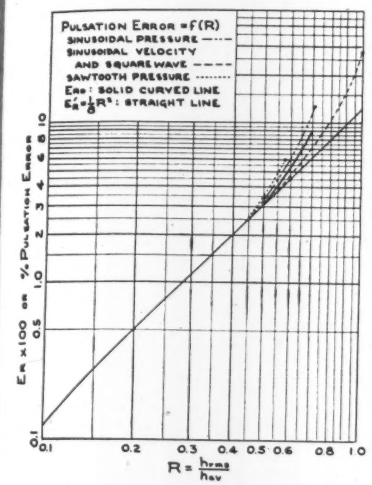
We now arbitrarily drop the cubed term because of the small coefficient and the fact that it is an odd-order term. When $f^3(t)$ is expressed as a Fourier series, the average value of the odd harmonics becomes zero. To contain even harmonics, f(t) must be asymmetrical. It will be shown, however, that good results can be obtained even with a substantial amount of asymmetry—for example, where the pressure varies with $\sin^2\left[\frac{2\pi t}{t}\right]$, corres-

ponding to sinoidal velocity fluctuations in the orifice. The justification is the same for all odd terms. The higher order even terms are dropped because of their decreasing magnitude. It is now possible to define a new term E'_R which is approximately equal to E_R for small values of f(t):

$$E'_R = 1 - \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T [1 - \frac{1}{8} - f^2(t)]\,dt$$

$$E'_R = -\frac{1}{8}\int_0^T \frac{h^2_p}{h^2_{av.}}\,dt$$

$$E'_R = -\frac{1}{8}\frac{(h^2_p)_{av.}}{h^2_{av.}}$$


PULSATION ERROR = f(R)
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ER: SOLID CURVED LINE
ER = 1/8 R²: STRAIGHT LINE
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R = hrms / hav

Fig. 2. Pulsation error (E_R) as a function of ($h_{rms.}/h_{av.}$) (R) for (1) sinoidal differential-pressure pulsations, (2) sinoidal velocity pulsations, and (3) symmetrical saw-tooth pressure pulsations.

The root-mean-square value of h_p is $\sqrt{(h_p)^2_{av.}}$, or $h_{rms.}$. Therefore, the error may be written:

$$E'_R = \frac{1}{8}\left[\frac{h_{rms.}}{h_{av.}}\right]^2 = \frac{1}{8}R^2$$

where R is defined as $h_{rms.}/h_{av.}$.

We have now shown that an approximate expression for pulsation error can be related to $h_{av.}$, which is always a known metered quantity, and $h_{rms.}$, which is the root-mean-square value of the *fluctuating component* of differential pressure. The quantity $h_{rms.}$ can be measured with suitable instrumentation (Fig. 1) described later. It is first desirable to test the derived expression for several radically different waveforms.

To evaluate the usefulness of the expression E'_R in a general way for any type of complex waveform is an almost impossible task. It is reasonable, however, to make comparisons between E_R (the correct error ratio) and E'_R (the approximate expression derived above) for a variety of assumed waveforms, some of which are rich in harmonic content. If E'_R holds for several radically different types of waveforms, it is logical to assume that it holds for waveforms found in practice. No complete mathematical derivations are given here as they are somewhat long and have but little bearing on the subject matter.

(1) *Sinoidal Differential-pressure Fluctuations.*

$$E_R = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{1+\sqrt{2}R}\;E\left[k, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]^*$$

where: $k = \sqrt{\dfrac{2\sqrt{2}R}{1+\sqrt{2}R}}$

$$R = \frac{h_{rms.}}{h_{av.}}$$

The values of E_R as well as the values

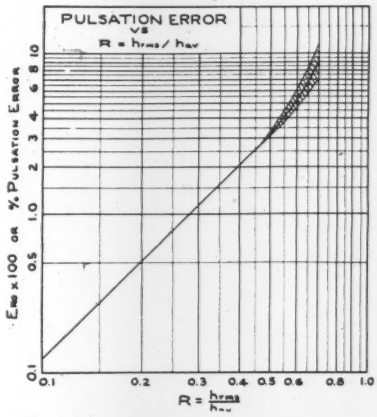

Fig. 3. Instrument curve of pulsation error vs. R chosen to minimize method error at upper range of method.

of the special cases which follow are plotted in Fig. 2.

(2) *Sinoidal Velocity Fluctuations in Orifice.*

It is simpler in this case to determine implicit relationships between E_R and R. If U, the velocity, and the relative velocity λ_U are defined by $U = U_{av.}[1+\lambda_U \sin\frac{2\pi t}{T}]$, where λ_U has any value from zero to unity, we may write the implicit expressions relating E_R and R in terms of the variable "m":

$$m = \sqrt{1+\frac{\lambda^2 U}{2}}$$

They are:

$$E_R = \frac{m-1}{m}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{(m^2-1)(m^2+7)}{2m^4}}$$

By substituting arbitrary values for "m", E_R is found as a function of R. The results are plotted in Fig. 2. This case is of interest because the pressure waveform is asymmetrical with second harmonic content up to 25 percent of the fundamental.

(3) *Square-wave Velocity (and Pressure Pulsations.*

For symmetrical square waves both the pressure and velocity have the same wave form and $h_P(max) = h_{rms.}$

$$E_R = 1 - \tfrac{1}{2}[\sqrt{1+R} - \sqrt{1-R}]$$

(In the example of the square wave, the third-harmonic content is large, amounting to one-third of the fundamental.)

(4) *Saw-tooth Waveform.*

$$E_R = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}R}[(1+\sqrt{3}R)^{3/2} - (1-\sqrt{3}R)^{3/2}]$$

In Fig. 2, E_R is plotted as a function of R (a measurable quantity) for sinoidal differential-pressure pulsations of both pressure and velocity, and symmetrical saw-tooth pressure pulsations. E'_R appears as a straight line on the log-log plot. The curves terminate at the point where velocity reversals occur in the orifice and, consequently, where the method is no longer applicable.

A deviation from the E'_R curve for large errors is expected because of the series terms which were dropped. It is possible, however, to choose an instrument curve which lies approximately midway between the derived curves, and to define this arbitrary function $E_{RO} = f(R)$ as the approximate error function for use in making corrections to the measured flow.

It is of significance that the curve for E_{RO} lies within 0.5 percent of the derived curves for errors up to 5 percent and within 3 percent for errors up to 9 percent, neglecting the symmetrical-sawtooth pulsation curve.

Fig. 3 is essentially the same plot with the instrument curve E_{RO} plotted, and the derived curves merely defining the estimated margin for error in the use of the plot. When R is determined as being greater than 0.65, corresponding to an error of 7 percent, the margin for error is greater than 1 percent and it may be concluded that the pulsations must be reduced for accurate measurements to be possible.

Method of Correction for Pulsation Error

The steps to be followed in correcting the measured flow to obtain actual flow are as follows:

(1) $h_{rms.}$ is determined from the indication of suitable instruments later described. ($h_{rms.}$ is measured in terms of inches-water.)

(2) "h" or $h_{av.}$ is obtained directly from the indications of the flowmeter in inches-water.

(3) R is obtained by dividing $h_{rms.}$ by $h_{av.}$.

(4) Using a chart similar to Fig. 3, E_{RO} is obtained as a function of R.

(5) The correct value of flow or flow rate is obtained from:

$W(actual) = W(meas.) - E_{RO}\,W(meas.)$

$Q(actual) = Q(meas.) - E_{RO}\,Q(meas.)$

These operations must of course be applied over periods where the flow conditions are reasonably constant. If over a period of, say, 24 hours the pulsation and flow conditions remain

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* Complete elliptic integral of the second kind. In Jahnke-Emde's tables (P. 85, 1945 Ed.) the values of $E(k,\phi)$ are found in terms of α and ϕ where $K = \sin\alpha$.

Comparison *of* Methods *for* Measuring Temperature *of* Molten Metals

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EVER since the invention by Dr. Siemens of the forerunner of the present open-hearth furnace, it has been apparent that the temperature of the molten metal is important in the steel-making process. With the increase in our knowledge of physical metallurgy, it has become essential to know as accurately as possible the open-hearth or electric-furnace bath temperature, ladle temperature, and frequently the teeming or pouring temperature.

History

The human eye was undoubtedly the first molten-metal pyrometer. The use of colored spectacles may have aided the melter in judging temperatures. The use of a steel rod about ¼ inch in diameter dipped into a spoonful or stream of hot metal also gave a fair indication of temperature. This latter idea still is used to some extent, especially in foundries.

The optical pyrometer.—In 1864, the French physicist Becquerel suggested a form of photometer which could be used as an optical pyrometer, but apparently never constructed it. In 1892, Le Chatelier used the idea and constructed the first "optical." With it he made temperature measurements in the blast furnace, coke ovens, and Siemens-Martin furnace—our open hearth. His source of comparison was an amyl-acetate lamp. About 1901, Wanner built an instrument using a 6-volt electric lamp for his standard source. In Germany in 1901, Holburn and Kurlbaum developed a simple and efficient optical pyrometer using an electric lamp as a standard. This instrument was the first modern optical pyrometer.

In 1902 in this country, Norse was granted three U. S. patents on his "Thermogauge." In 1917, Dr. Burgess, who with others was determining the emissivity of various metals and oxides, suggested that a value of 0.4 be used for the emissivity of liquid iron and steel for wavelength of 0.65. This suggestion was incorporated later in the Leeds & Northrup optical pyrometer, and a direct-reading pyrometer for liquid iron and steel came into being. By 1923 this pyrometer was being used rather widely in the steel industry. Other manufacturers offered optical pyrometers based largely upon European developments.

Recent observations indicate the Burgess value of 0.4 emissivity is low, and that the value is probably about 0.42 at 2750 F., increasing to 0.50 at 3000 F. for carbon steels and to as high as 0.70 at 3000 F. for some grades of stainless. Despite its limitations, the optical pyrometer has proved to be a very valuable instrument and has done much to improve the steel process.

Platinum vs. platinum-rhodium thermocouple.—In 1929, the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain appointed a sub-committee to investigate and report on the various methods of molten-metal temperature measurements. They investigated the Fitterer thermocouple (tungsten-silicon carbide), the platinum 13% rhodium vs. platinum thermocouple, and the optical pyrometer. The sub-committee discontinued work on the Fitterer couple because they were unable to obtain them from the United States. In 1937, Schofield and Grace reported that both the optical pyrometer and the platinum-rhodium vs. platinum thermocouple could be employed. In 1939, they introduced the device shown in Fig. 1, upon which all of the quick-immersion couples now used appear to be based. In 1935, some work was done by the Research Laboratory of the United States Steel Corporation using the Fitterer and also the platinum-rhodium vs. platinum couple. At that time, this work was of very little interest to the open-hearth operators, and was not considered practicable.

Blow-tube pyrometer.—In November 1935, Collins and Oseland of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation were granted U. S. Patent No. 2,020,019 for a device by which they measured hot-metal temperatures by means of an optical pyrometer sighted through an air-purged open-end tube (Fig. 2). Upon this device are based the two so-called "dunker," or blow-tube, type of pyrometers now in use. Leeds & Northrup, licensed under the patent, make use of a special radiation unit placed in the purged tube. The second type, developed by the Research Laboratory of the United States Steel Corporation, and now made and marketed by the Brown Instrument Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell, uses a Photronic cell at the outside end of an air-purged tube.

Immersion Thermocouples

Two types of immersion thermocouples are being sold commercially at present. The type made by Leeds & Northrup has a straight head (Fig. 3). The assembly is fairly rugged and is expected to last for many hundreds of readings. The second type, which is made by Brown, has a 60-degree or 90-degree bent head (Fig. 4). Both types employ a short fused-silica tube as protection for the thermocouple. This tube is cemented into a carbon plug, which is taper-fitted into the assembly head.

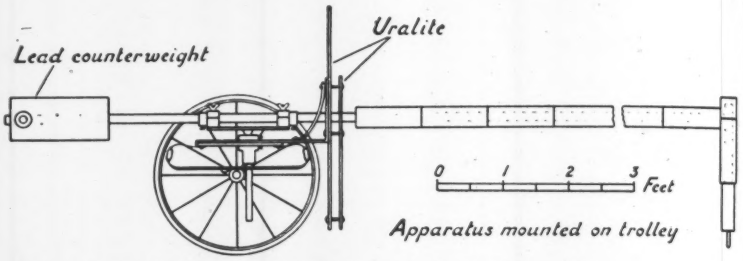

Fig. 1. Schoefield and Grace open-hearth thermocouple.

Some users find it cheaper to build their own assemblies, such as the one in Fig. 5.

Some models store several feet of thermocouple wire in the head and withdraw a few inches at a time as needed. Others use short couples and replace them entirely. Almost all types use extension wire from the head or junction through the handle, and from the handle to the recording instrument. A few use a permanent platinum+rhodium-platinum extension from the junction through the handle.

A few words of caution are necessary. The standard extension wire now in use—copper and copper-nickel alloy—gives good temperature compensation up to 250 F. or a correction within ±12 F. at 400 F. ambient. Tests have shown that if a quick-immersion couple is immersed in the open-hearth bath for 25 seconds and then withdrawn, the head at the junction of the thermocouple and extension wire reaches 400 F. about 10 seconds later, or 35 seconds after the couple entered the bath. In about 55 seconds the head is at 1000 F. and requires 35 *minutes* more in moving air to return to 400 F. To be on the safe side, no quick-immersion couple using extension wires of copper and copper-nickel alloy should be used more often than once an hour, even though it takes but a few seconds to change the silica-tube tip.

Not long ago an unidentified writer in the Journal of Metals made the flat

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statement that "off-calibration couples are never found in the melt shop." That statement is a bit ambiguous. If he meant that platinum-rhodium vs. platinum couples never become contaminated in the melt shop, he left himself open for argument. It is not unusual to find couples off calibration by 15 F. or more after 5 or 6 immersions. The main trouble seems to come from sulphur in the oil and grease inside new pipe. For a long time it was thought to be the carbon, but recent observations indicate that the sulphur forms a silica sulphide. This compound attacks the rare metals to form one or more platinum silicides, which contaminate the couple and cause low readings. Therefore, it is necessary to burn off all the oil and grease in new pipe and to keep all oil and grease away from platinum. As a further protection, some plants are making use of a stainless-steel plug to replace the carbon.

Records.—Quick-immersion thermocouple systems record the temperature on a strip-chart or on a round-chart high-speed potentiometer of the electronic type. In one instrument an elaborate system of 3 signal lights indicate that (1) the thermocouple circuit is completed, (2) the thermocouple is operating, and (3) the maximum temperature has been reached. These gadgets make it possible for the operator merely to watch the signal lights in order to take a bath-temperature reading.

Operating procedure.—If the reading is taken through a wicket hole, a 60-degree angle head or a straight head is preferable to a 90-degree bend. Care must be taken not to break the silica tip. The tip must be immersed below the slag and into the metal. The operation should be completed in 25 to 30 seconds and the head withdrawn. Only one reading can be taken on a silica protection tube, but 4 to 6 readings can be made with a single platinum couple. A recorder should be provided for every two or three furnaces. About four to five thermocouples assemblies are needed for each furnace. Satisfactory maintenance requires at least 8 man-hours per day for each five furnaces, allowing two readings per heat.

Each thermocouple assembly weighs about 35 to 50 pounds, depending on the design. Although an assembly can be handled by one man, operators usually prefer to use two men to keep tips from being broken.

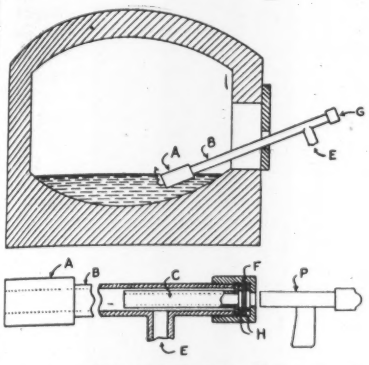

Fig. 2. Collins and Oseland blow-tube pyrometer.

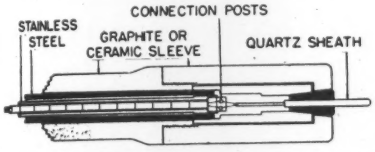

Fig. 3. Leeds & Northrup immersion-thermocouple head.

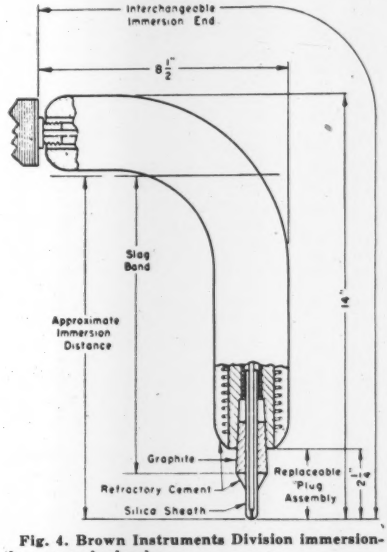

Fig. 4. Brown Instruments Division immersion-thermocouple head.

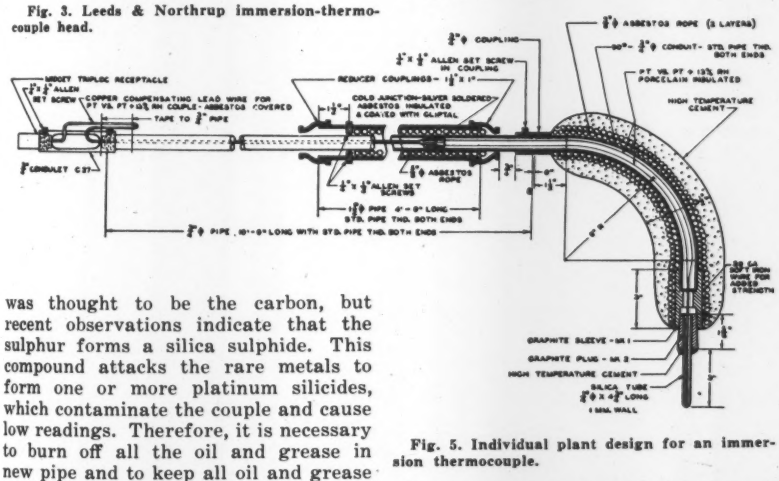

Fig. 5. Individual plant design for an immersion thermocouple.

Blow-tube Pyrometers

The two types of blowing-tube molten-metal pyrometers now sold commercially are based on the original patent granted to Collins and Oseland. The type made by Leeds & Northrup makes use of a small radiation unit placed well down in the air-purged tube (Fig. 6). The type made and sold by Brown, as developed by the Research Laboratory of United States Steel Company, employs a Photronic cell placed at the outer end of the purged tube. (Fig. 7). The former measures the total radiation through a silica lens as an indication of temperature; the latter measures the brightness of the molten metal in the visible range.

The tubes which form the bodies of these devices are seamless tubing about 2 inches in diameter and about 7 feet in length. The assemblies weigh 50 to 60 pounds. As they require a small-diameter air hose for the purge air or gas, they are a bit more difficult than the thermocouple to maneuver. To prevent the slag from sticking to the tube, Leeds & Northrup recommend the use of a cardboard cylinder slipped over the tube. The same thing can be accomplished by coating the outside of the purge tube with a thin layer of ordinary mold coating, or "dope", which contains bentonite. One coating lasts for a number of readings.

To take a reading, (1) the purge air is turned on, (2) the tube is inserted through the wicket hole and dipped quickly into and out of the slag to form a protective coating, and then (3) the tube is dipped below the interface of molten metal and slag for about 7 seconds to obtain the temperature. After removal from the wicket hole, the slag can be removed easily, and in a few minutes another reading can be taken. With ordinary care, a single tube can be used indefinitely. As many as 1000 readings have been made with no damage to the tube. The Research Laboratory of the United States Steel Company has one tube which has been in use more than five years with very minor repairs. Any slight warpage of the tube can be removed by rotating it for each successive reading.

Comparison of Operation Factors

Thermocouple assemblies have an advantage over radiation assemblies of 10 to 20 pounds less weight, but they have the disadvantage of a fragile silica tip, which is easily broken. The thermocouple must have some maintenance after each reading, and each assembly can be used but once an hour. This necessitates about four assemblies per furnace. On the other hand, one blow-type pyrometer suffices for three or more furnaces and can be used every 15 minutes if necessary. Blow-tubes require but little maintenance, which is probably the reason why they usually get none until they give a bad reading.

If the instruments are used in the proper manner, if they are kept clean, if sufficient maintenance is provided,

and if the operators use common sense, both thermocouple and radiation systems can be used satisfactorily.

Accuracy.—If the protecting silica tip extends at least 3 inches beyond the plug, if the temperature of the head or junction of the thermocouple is not over 200 F., and if the couple is not contaminated, then the probable error should be not more than ± 7 F. As working-temperature ranges in the open-hearth or electric-furnace shop are ordinarily set at about ± 20 F., the probable error in either the quick-immersion couple or the blow-tube is well within the required range.

The blow-tube tends to give high readings because of the oxiding effect of air used as a purge. This oxidizing effect can be taken care of either in the calibration or by use of a nitrogen or argon purge. If nitrogen or argon are used, the readings are true.

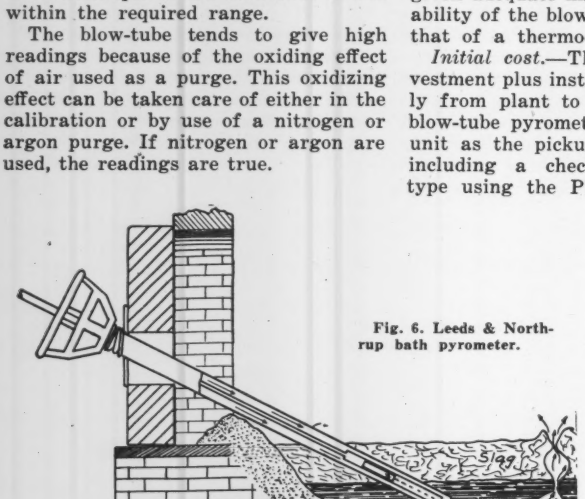

Fig. 6. Leeds & Northrup bath pyrometer.

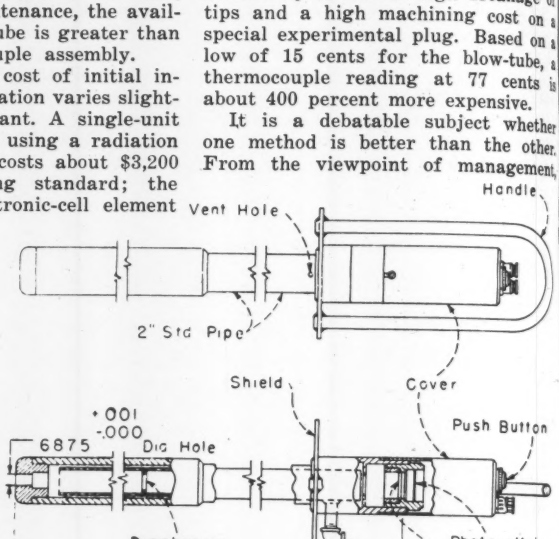

Fig. 7. Brown Instruments Division bath pyrometer.

The absolute accuracy of the thermocouple is established by comparison with standard thermocouples, preferably calibrated at the Bureau of Standards. Blow-tube accuracy is determined by comparison with a suitable standard—a second Rayotube sighted on a hot body for the Leeds & Northrup instrument, and a standard brightness provided by a standard lamp for the Brown. Either type can be checked by sighting against a hot furnace roof if the roof temperature is being measured by a suitable roof-temperature control.

Reliability.—Reliability is probably the reason for the present popularity of the quick-immersion thermocouple. The fact that the silica tip must be replaced after each reading means that the thermocouple is examined. This leads to a high order of reliability. However, in the few shops where the blow-tube has received some maintenance—usually nothing more than a cursory examination of the orifice after each reading, or removal of occasional splinters, and a calibrating check once or twice a week—it too has shown reliability as high as that of the thermocouple.

Availability.—The availability of any of the three systems is partly dependent on maintenance and supervision. The thermocouple assembly must be inspected and the tip changed after each reading. After about five readings the thermocouple must be removed from the assembly, checked, and usually discarded. After 100 to 200 readings, some repairs have to be made on the assembly itself. For these reasons each thermocouple assembly is out of service for about 50 percent of the time.

With a small amount of maintenance, the availability of the blow-tube pyrometer is very high, on the order of 95 percent. Where it has shown poor availability, it has received no maintenance whatever. It appears certain that, given adequate maintenance, the availability of the blow-tube is greater than that of a thermocouple assembly.

Initial cost.—The cost of initial investment plus installation varies slightly from plant to plant. A single-unit blow-tube pyrometer using a radiation unit as the pickup costs about $3,200 including a checking standard; the type using the Photronic-cell element costs about $2,200 including the checking standard. A single-unit quick-immersion thermocouple including four thermocouple assemblies costs from $1,800 to $2,100, depending on the number of gadgets such as signal lights and "howlers." If one were equipping a ten-furnace open-hearth shop, allowing one recorder for each two furnaces, and either fifty thermocouple assemblies, or twelve blow-tubes, with the necessary racks or storage cabinets, piping, wiring, and labor, he might spend from $18,000 to $25,000 for a blow-tube system and from $17,000 to $20,000 for a thermocouple system. Those who can design and construct their own thermocouple assemblies can provide a set-up for about $10,000.

Operating cost.—Another factor is the *cost per reading*. Assuming two readings per heat, the cost per reading is not likely to be more than four cents per ton. For the blow-tube pyrometer, accurate records based on more than 10,000 readings show a figure of about 10 cents per reading for air purge. One plant which for extreme accuracy uses a nitrogen purge, found a cost of 60 cents, of which 46 cents was the cost of the nitrogen. The Research Laboratory tests using nitrogen showed about a third of that value. Another plant which kept a very accurate record, including depreciation of all equipment, showed a cost of 80 cents for an air-purge system. This seems to be high. Thermocouple readings are more costly. The lowest is about 77 cents, and this is in a plant where silica tips are purchased in lots of 1000 pieces at $125.00. This value seems to be low, as the average is about 90 cents. The cost is $2.60 in one electric-furnace plant, where some of this high cost admittedly is due to high breakage of tips and a high machining cost on a special experimental plug. Based on a low of 15 cents for the blow-tube, a thermocouple reading at 77 cents is about 400 percent more expensive.

It is a debatable subject whether one method is better than the other. From the viewpoint of management, which looks for accuracy, reliability, low initial cost, low cost per reading, and low maintenance, without too much concern for weight, one of the blow-tube types fill the requirements very nicely.

From the viewpoint of the superintendent of the open hearth, either system may be satisfactory. If he is charged with all the costs, materials, labor, and day-to-day maintenance, he is likely to choose the same system as the manager—that is, one of the blow-tube system. On the other hand, if part of the costs of materials and labor are charged to another department, or if he has the good will of his melters and first helpers strongly in mind and is not concerned with an additional cost of 3 to 4 cents per ton, he probably will adopt the quick-immersion thermocouple.

The melter or first helper is more concerned with the physical effort or labor involved. The easiest way is for him the only way. As cost or maintenance is secondary to him, he is likely to pick the quick-immersion thermocouple because it is twenty pounds lighter in weight and has only two small wires connected to it.

A Thermocouple System *for* Molten-metal Temperature Measurement

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General

AN ACCURATE, dependable method of measuring the temperature of the liquid steel in the open-hearth furnace has been needed for many years. As early as 1920, attempts were made to measure liquid-steel temperatures. Considerable interest was aroused in bath-temperature pyrometry in 1933, when Dr. G. R. Fitterer reported satisfactory results using his design of the carbon vs. silicon-carbide type of immersion thermocouple.

The rising cost of labor and material, the demand for higher-quality steels, the closer adherence to special alloy-specifications, and the longer furnace and mold life, all make good temperature-measuring equipment a "must" today.

Specifications.—The specifications for molten-metal temperature-measuring equipment are very severe. The immersion unit must be light enough to be handled by one man. It must be portable, so that it can be stored at some convenient location away from the charging floor in front of the furnace, and yet be capable of withstanding average steel-mill conditions such as dust, shock, and vibration. The thermocouple assembly should be constructed to give fast and accurate temperature readings, with a minimum of time between successive immersions. The use of the equipment should not require any special knowledge of pyrometry or Instrumentation on the part of the operator. Above all, the equipment must be more accurate than the Melter's eye, which is sometimes called the original optical pyrometer.

Basic techniques.—The two basic types of liquid-steel temperature-measuring devices in use today are (1) the noble-metal thermocouple, and (2) the radiation unit, or blow-tube type. The immersion thermocouple using a curved head assembly (Fig. 1) is the type now in use in the Heppenstall acid open-hearth shop. The straight-head type is now undergoing tests. The basic design of both types is the same.

Thermocouple construction.—The hot junction of the platinum versus platinum + 13-percent rhodium thermocouple is protected from the molten metal by an expendable thin-quartz closed-end tube. This tube is cemented inside a small graphite tapered plug. The head assembly is made of graphite segments supported in position by a small-diameter iron pipe. The body consists of two thin-wall tubes welded to a common fitting at one end only. The space between the tubes is filled with silo-cel insulation. The outer tube is wrapped with wire over ¾ of its length to give protection against flame.

The rubber-covered thermocouple-extension lead-wire is brought out of the body through a friction-clamp fitting and a protecting spring, and is soldered to a polarized plug. The socket for this plug is soldered to extension lead-wire in conduit and terminates at the Leeds & Northrup Speedomax recorder.

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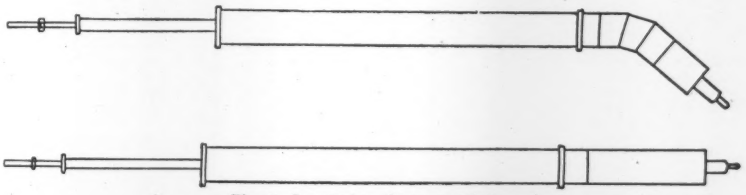

Fig. 1. Immersion thermocouples.

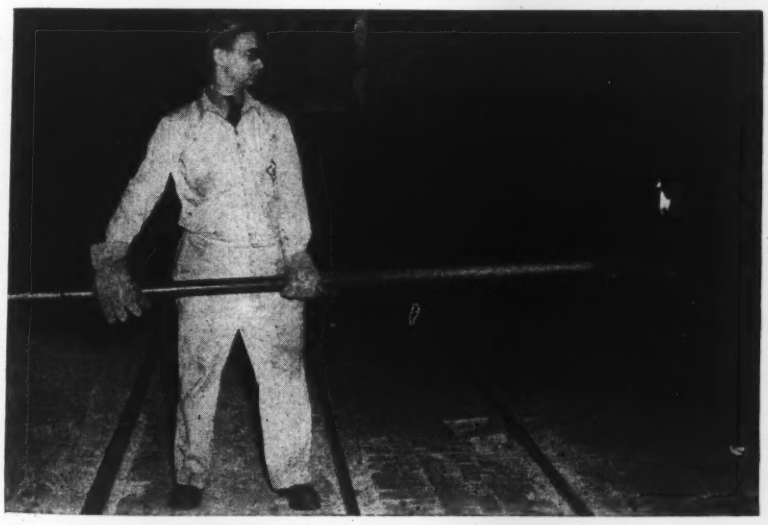

Fig. 2. Removing thermocouple from furnace.

Using the Thermocouple Recorder

To take the first temperature-reading of a heat, the procedure is as follows:

1. Connect the polarized plug to the socket in the floor.

2. Turn the recorder power-switch to the "ON" position. When the vacuum tubes in the amplifier have reached operating temperature, the pointer will indicate somewhere between 0 and 200 degrees F.

3. Standardize the recorder by pushing the small black knob on the left side of the instrument door; turn clockwise and hold in this position until the indicator stops moving. Release the knob; then repeat this operation until there is no further movement of the pointer.

4. Tighten the quartz-tube graphite plug in the immersion-head assembly.

5. Check the tip of the thermocouple either by heating the tip of the quartz tube with a match, or by holding the tip of the unit near the wicket hole in the furnace door, until the pointer of the recorder starts upscale and the green indicating-lamp on the instrument panel is lit. If the recorder does not show a temperature rise with this test, the immersion unit should be returned to the Instrument Shop for examination. This eliminates the possibility of using a unit which may be shorted or faulty.

6. Insert the immersion unit through the hole in the center of the furnace for a distance of approximately 4.5 feet, pushing the head assembly through the slag into the metal, and keeping the body just above the slag level.

7. When the maximum temperature has been recorded, the instrument alarm will sound. Remove the head from the metal and withdraw the immersion unit from the furnace as quickly as possible (Fig. 2). The total time of immersion

Fig. 3. Removing plug from thermocouple head.

should be from 20 to 30 seconds. Place the immersion unit on the cooling rack. Remove the lead-wire plug from the socket. The slag clinging to the head assembly after removing from the furnace cracks when cooling, which makes the slag easy to remove.

8. Remove lead-wire plug from socket.

9. Open recorder door and make notations on the chart. Each reading is identified by heat number, grade of steel, time of reading, date of reading, identifying number of the immersion thermocouple, and the name or initials of the person taking the reading.

10. After a few minutes, the slag can be removed easily from the head (Fig. 3) and the plug replaced with a new one. Do not leave the platinum wire exposed; always replace the tip as quickly as possible.

Details of Immersion Thermocouple.

The immersion thermocouple is made of 3 units—the head assembly, the body, and the thermocouple, including extension lead wire.

The head (Fig. 4) is made of four graphite segments, which are fitted together in fish-spine fashion over standard ⅜-in. iron pipe. This permits the head to expand and contract with heating and cooling without danger of breaking or letting the liquid metal penetrate the pipe and come in contact with the thermocouple. The 13.5-in. length of pipe is well burned with a torch before assembling to burn off any foreign material such as cutting oil, loose scale, etc. The pipe then is cleaned out with a wire brush to remove scale and dirt. A graphite collar is mounted between the head and body to cover the lock assembly, which anchors the head to the body. The nose segment has a tapered hole to accommodate the plug and quartz tip. The quartz closed-end tube extends 1.5 inches from the graphite plug and is cemented in place with "Sillimanite Air-Set" cement. The tapered end of the plug also is covered with "Sillimanite" to reduce the possibility of contamination resulting from exposed graphite.

The body is made of 2-in. O.D. 0.065 wall tube, 6 feet long. It is welded at the head end to a washer, to which is welded a 9-ft. length of 1-in. O.D. light-wall tubing. The two tubes are separated by 5 small spacers, and the space between is filled with silo-cel insulation. The opposite end of the 2-in. tube is welded to a washer, which floats free over the 1-in. tube. This makes a good expansion joint to allow the outside tube to expand longitudinally without breaking the weld on the inside tube. A layer of 12-gage low-carbon wire wrapping over the outer tube offers additional protection against flame impingement by retarding the burning effect of the tubing. This wire wrap is removed and replaced after it becomes badly burned, making the body usable for another 80 to 100 immersions. A 9-ft. 8-in. length of ⅜-in. iron pipe is placed inside the body to accommodate the thermocouple assembly from the head, and also to provide constant tension for the head segments. There is a spring-and-adjusting-nut device for setting the head tension. The small set-screw anchors the keyway which keeps the head assembly from turning, but allows it to expand and contract.

The platinum versus platinum+13% rhodium thermocouple is soldered to rubber-covered heavy-duty extension lead wire. Small-diameter double-bore porcelain insulators are used for the entire length of the couple. The hot junction is exposed for approximately 3/16 inch. This is done by grinding the sides of a 2-hole insulator to leave the wire exposed and yet provide insulation between the wires. This method of protection results in increased speed of response while retaining the advantage of mechanical protection for the hot junction. The weld of the couple is kept about ⅛ inch from the quartz tip to prevent the possibility of the platinum adhering to the quartz in case of softening of the tip due to an extremely high temperature.

Lead-wire location. — One of the major problems is to determine the proper location for the extension lead-wire connection to the thermocouple. If the immersion unit is allowed to cool to room temperature before being used again, thermocouples of relatively short lengths can be used. Sometimes, however, the thermocouple must be ready for use after rather short periods of cooling, during which time the unit may not be cooled to room temperature. Therefore, a series of tests were conducted to determine the temperature gradient in the body of our immersion unit. Fig. 5 shows a temperature-gradient curve of an average immersion unit. The readings were taken by mounting three 20-gage iron-constantan thermocouples in the inside pipe at

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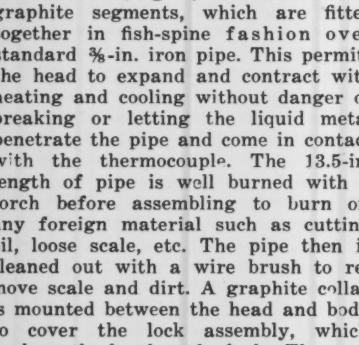

Fig. 4. Details of curved-head assembly.

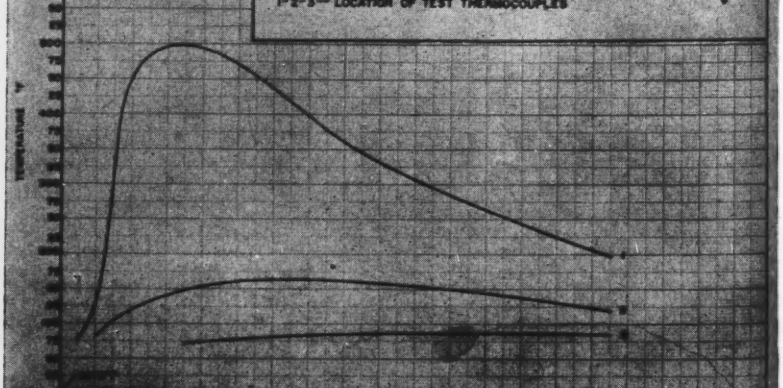

Fig. 5. Temperature-gradient curves at 3 points on body of thermocouple.

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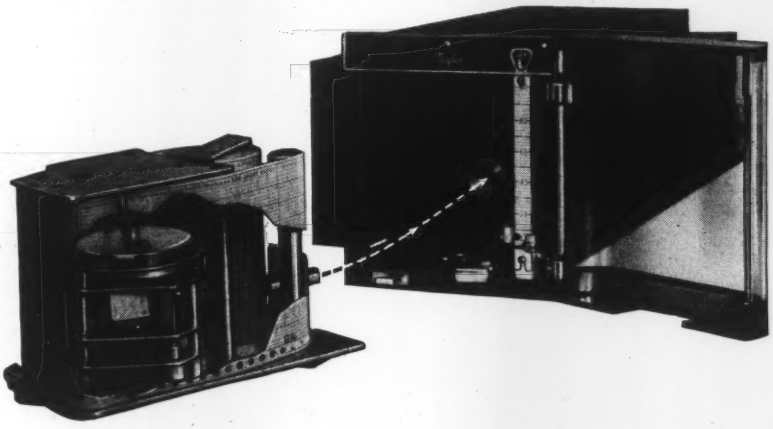

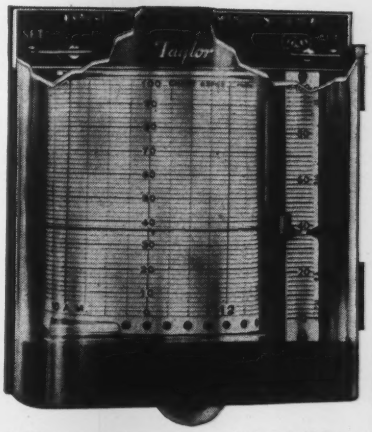

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BOSTON, Mass.—An analog computer which reduces the design of control systems to "knob twiddling" has been completed for Massachusetts Institute of Technology by the Laboratory for Electronics, Inc., Boston. Voltage-dividing resistors represent the coefficients of an equation or the parameters of a system. The operator adjusts these VDR's until the response of the system is optimal and arrives at his answers by multiplying the dial readings with a proper

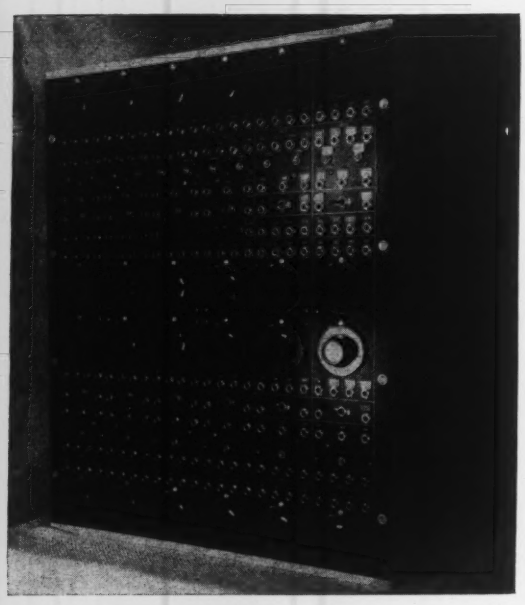

Fig. 1. Analog computer.

scale factor. Using this device, there is no need to solve for roots of characteristic equations of high order. The computer being a dynamic device, analogous to the real system, its performance (including periods of oscillation) is identical to that of the real system. The new computer is an analog for any physical system representable by a linear ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients.

To operate the device, an equation which represents some physical system is first set up in the form of a block diagram. By means of patch cords, the circuits are interconnected to create a circuit similar to the equation. As an example, assume the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + a\frac{dy}{dt} + by = E$$

This equation, when set up in a block diagram, assumes the form shown in Fig. 2. The circuit becomes two integrators in cascade, an adder stage, and a completed feedback loop. The two coefficients, a and b, are represented by voltage-dividing resistors connected as shown in the diagram. An example of the kind of solution possible is shown in Fig. 3.

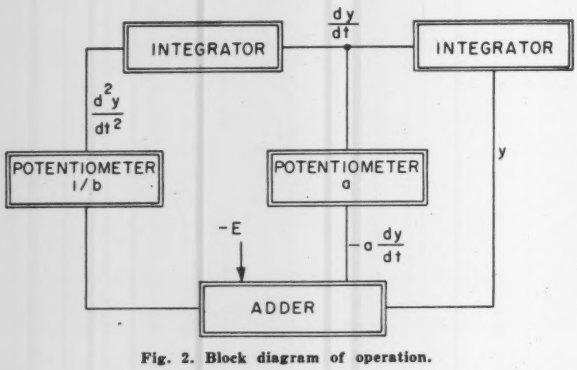

Fig. 2. Block diagram of operation.

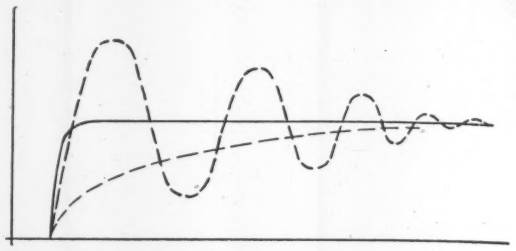

Fig. 3. Types of solutions.

The solid line curve shows conditions which might exist for some settings of the system parameters. Adjustment of the controls enables the operator to try different values of control parameters until the ideal curve is approached as closely as possible.

The unit of the computer in which the equations are set up is called the "Simulator" because it simulates actual physical relationships in a control system. This unit solves linear differential equations up to the 6th degree. The unit consists of 6 channels, each of which contains an integrator and an adder. The use of two "Simulators" makes possible the solution of equations up to the 12th order.

A nonlinear unit is also a part of the system. The unit contains dead-zone and limiter analogs that make it possible to represent imperfections in a practical control system to examine their effect on system performance.

This analog computer is not a commercial product.

New Techniques in Microscopy

CAMDEN, N. J.—Advances in medical research made possible by new uses of both light and electron microscopy were demonstrated by the Radio Corporation of America at the annual convention of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, June 11 to 15.

The table-model permanent-magnet electron microscope was demonstrated to convention delegates at the society's scientific exhibit in the Municipal Auditorium, the company announced. Principles of operation and of specimen preparation were highlighted.

One hundred of the nation's leading microscopists were invited by RCA to exhibit electron micrographs of viruses, bacterial pathogens, and cytological sections, thus offering visual evidence of the research accomplishments of medical science employing the electron microscope. Included were recent micrographs taken with the instrument in the course of research on polio, cancer, leukemia, and cell and sperm development.

Also demonstrated was the use of television in conjunction with conventional light and ultraviolet microscopes to enable scientists to obeserve vital processes in living cells without staining the specimens. This method, which has been used in the past to bring out detail, often was fatal to the specimens under observation.

For this demonstration, a light microscope equipped with a binocular viewer is used with two TV cameras so that two different color-selective tubes can scan the microscopic scene simultaneously. This provides on two television screens separate images of exceptionally sharp contrast, one showing the blue absorption and the other showing red absorption, at magnifications of 3,000 times.

Electronic Robots

WALTHAM, Mass.—Scientists of the Raytheon Manufacturing Company, at its annual sales convention, stressed the importance to national security of electronic aids to industry, and predicted that electronic robots with superhuman intellects will gradually take over the automatic control of more and more of America's industrial processes during the next 20 years.

They revealed the development of an electronic "memory" device which stores information 1000 times faster and provides a storage capacity 400 times greater than any mechanical card-filing system in use today. Although the electronic memory equipment was developed for the Armed Forces, its functions are applicable to the automatic control of a wide variety of peacetime industrial processes.

Portable Abrasion Tester

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A portable device for testing the abrasion resistance of floor surfaces has recently been developed at the National Bureau of Standards, according to Technical Report 1482. Floor tiles exposed to severe traffic must have approximately the same abrasion resistance; otherwise the floor surface becomes uneven with time. The device tests floor tiles and also is proving useful in the development of better purchase specifications for natural corundum. Corundum grains rather than abrasive wheel is utilized in the tester.

The instrument (Fig. 1) consists essentially of a notched steel wheel (A) mounted on an overhanging frame so that a definite and constant weight bears upon the specimen as the wheel is turned. The tester provides a steady flow of No. 60 artificial corundum betweeen the steel wheel and

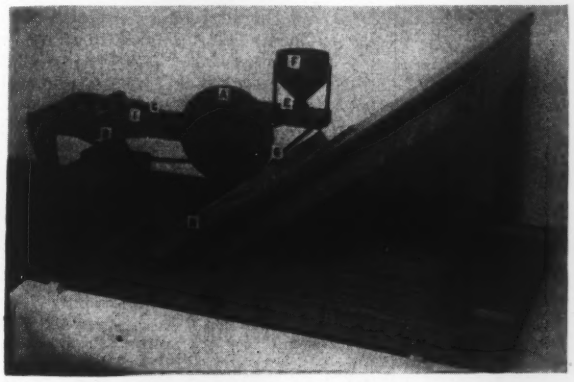

Fig. 1.

the specimen, which is mounted on an incline. The steady flow of abrasive grain accounts for the dependability of the method. In making a test the steel wheel is turned twenty-five revolutions (in approximately one minute), thus cutting a circular segment in the specimen (H). The length of this segment is measured to a tenth of a millimeter and the segment area computed; this value indicates the abrasive resistance of the material. Results obtained with the tester are in good agreement with those provided by the conventional NBS laboratory apparatus.

The instrument has been used in selecting floor tiles for several buildings.

It also is possible with the tester to determine the abrasive quality and break-down characteristics of the corundum. As the grains of an abrasive break into smaller particles during use, the grinding rate is reduced. Thus, by repeating the test ten times with the same portion of sample, a measure of the break-down rate can be obtained. Corundum is used for various purposes, including the grinding of lenses and snagging of wheels. Artificial corundum is superior in abrading value and can be obtained in uniformly high purity. However there seems to be a distinct advantage in natural corundum for lens grinding because of the way the particles break up.

Supplementing the work at the National Bureau of Standards, the U. S. Bureau of Mines has devised a means of analyzing corundum for impurities. Solution of the impurities, floatation, and microscopic determinations are employed. These methods, together with requirements for abrasive values and breakdown rates as worked out by the National Bureau of Standards, have been incorporated in a new specification for corundum.

Scintillation Counter Operates in One Billionth of a Second

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Physicists at Stanford University have developed a technique for counting atomic particles in a billionth of a second. The new technique is for use with the electron linear accelerator, Stanford's new type atom smasher. It will also be applicable to other machines, such as betatrons and cyclotrons, which accelerate particles in pulses. The project, financed by the Office of Naval Research, represents a refinement in development of scintillation counters.

As in other scintillations counters, a photomultiplier tube is used to pick up the minute flashes caused by particles striking scintillation material. The scintillations make an electric signal, which can be measured through oscillographs recordings to determine the count of particles at a given moment. The phototube is a commercial type, but the infinitesimal time it is in operation permits it to be operated at 4000 volts instead of the normal 1000 volts.

Scintillation counters use either crystals or liquids as scintillation material. One of the crystals in common use is transstilbene, chemical relative of stilbesterol, synthetic female hormone. A benzene, with certain chemicals added, is also used.

Hundreds of investigators have been working on applications of the scintillation-counter technique to nuclear, elementary particle, and X-ray physics; to cancer research and diagnosis; and to military and industrial survey instruments. Now, with measurements possible at a billionth of a second, scientists hope that they may be able to step up the speed even faster so that it will be possible to make accurate "time of flight" measurements—to know how long it takes a particle to go from one given point to another. One of the reasons this is important is that if scientists know the energy and speed of a particle, they can determine its mass. Other determinations of the mass of particles have been by inference, and this would be an additional and direct method of determining an important factor in the study of atomic particles.

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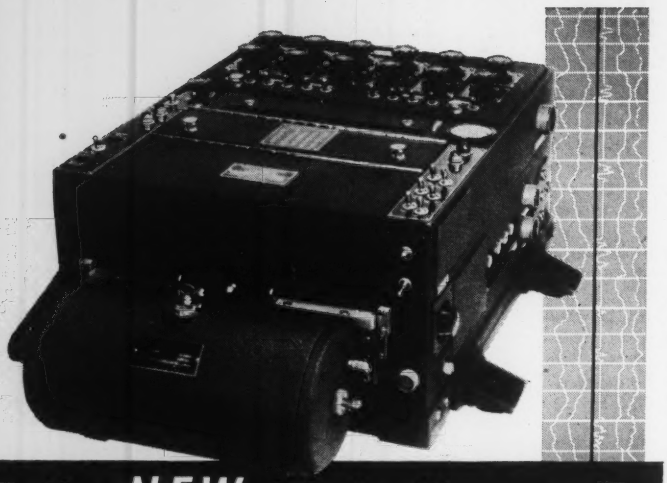

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reasonably constant, the average value may be used:

$$\text{TOTAL DELIVERED} = \int_0^{24} Q\,(\text{meas.})\,dt - E_{RO}\,(\text{av.}) \int_0^{24} Q\,(\text{meas.})\,dt.$$

From the analysis thus far, we may draw certain conclusions which relate to the method rather than to the means of instrumentation:

(1) Of the possible variables which can be inferentially determined and related to pulsation error, the dimensionless ratio "R" (the rms. component of fluctuating differential pressure divided by the average differential pressure) appears to be the best choice. This is because the function $E_{RO}=f(R)$ is independent of frequency and only slightly influenced by waveform for erors of less than 7 percent.

(2) The method allows for the shape of the waveform in the determination of R. The waveform may be simple or complex and may vary at random without appreciably affecting the accuracy of the method.

(3) When the averaging process for determining $h_{rms.}$ involves a long averaging time-constant, R reveals the true overall effect of varying amplitude fluctuations. Such fluctuations might cause completely misleading information to be obtained from a device which only measures pressure peaks.

(4) It should be possible by obtaining sufficient field-test data to arrive at plotted curves for $E_{RO}=f(R)$ which, for certain types of compressor and metering installations, would give the pulsation correction to within 1 percent for errors up to 10 percent or more.

Required Instrumentation

Indicating Instrument.—For installations where the flow conditions remain reasonably constant for several hours at a time, or where the chief purpose is merely to make periodic checks on the pulsation conditions, an indicating instrument is the simplest solution. The indicating instrument may be one of several forms. One practical form is indicated in Fig. 1.

The transducer is a strain-gage type differential-pressure transducer excited by direct current from the power source. The frequency response of the transducer is flat from 0 to 200 cps. This transducer produces a signal proportional to instantaneous pressure, which is fed through a capacitator (to eliminate the d-c. component of the pressure signal). The signal then is amplified in the a-c. amplifier, which supplies current to a thermomilliammeter. The thermomilliammeter thermocouple element responds to the true rms. value of the current, hence the scale is calibrated directly in rms. inches of water. Current feedback is employed to reduce the effects of varying tube characteristics and supply voltage. The feedback

resistor is selected of the proper materials to compensate for the slight effects of ambient temperature on the thermomilliammeter.

In use, the value of $h_{rms.}$ found from the instrument is divided by $h_{av.}$ measured by the flowmeter to obtain R. E_{RO} then is obtained from Fig. 3 as explained previously.

Recording instruments.—For installations where large pulsations are present and where flow conditions change markedly during the day, a recording instrument is desirable. One type of recording instrument might record the pulsations in terms of $h_{rms.}$. A more complex type of instrument might make use of both the fluctuating and average components of pressure measured by the transducer and record E_{RO} on a 24-hour chart. Such instruments would be considerably more expensive than the indicating instruments. The recording type of instrument is still in the initial phase of development.

The installation of the transducer should be made in such a way that the distance from the transducer element to the pressure taps is as short as possible. This eliminates the possibility of resonance in the lines. If the lines from the flowmeter to the pressure taps are long, the transducer should be mounted near the orifice and not near the flowmeter The usual precautions regarding equal line volumes and equal entrance and discharge coefficients should be observed in the flowmeter installation to insure that the meter responds to the average differential pressure across the orifice.

Conclusions

In conclusion, it is believed that the methods and form of instrumentation described are a practical answer to the measurement of pulsating flow. The pressure transducers and electronic equipment required can be made to give reliable results. Unfortunately, the required transducers and other specialized components are expensive. However, it should be possible to amortize the cost of the equipment within a few months on gas transmission lines.

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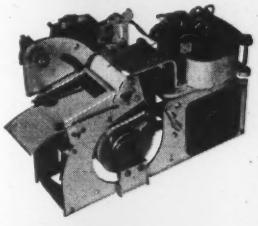
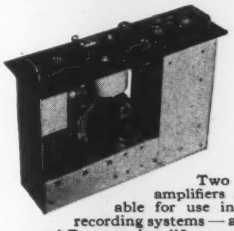


In all Sanborn recorders, tracings are produced by a heated writing stylus in contact with heat sensitive, plastic-coated paper. The paper is pulled over a sharp edge in the paper drive mechanism, and the stylus wipes along this edge as it swings; thus producing records in true rectangular coordinates. The writing arm is driven by a D'Arsonval moving coil galvanometer with extremely high torque movement (200,000 dyne cm/cm deflection). Standard paper speed for the Model 51-600 recorder assembly, shown above, is 25 mm/sec. Slower speeds are available. Paper width 6 cm with 5 cm recording area. The assembly shown above is used in Models 128 and 141 (described above right) and provides the basic principles and methods on which recorders for the 2- and 4-channel systems are designed.



Two types of amplifiers are available for use in Sanborn recording systems — a DC General Purpose Amplifier, and a Strain Gage amplifier (shown above). The amplifiers used in the 2- and 4-channel systems are generally identical with those in the 1-channel system, which are available, as are also all the recorders, for separate application.

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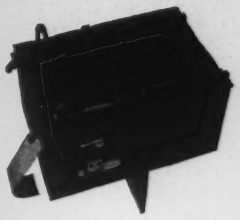

Model 128 comprises a DC General Purpose Amplifier in combination with the Recorder Assembly shown below left, to which is added panel, transformer, and controls. Both instruments are contained in a single hardwood carrying case. The complete system is a vacuum tube recording voltmeter capable of reproducing in rectangular coordinates any electrical phenomena from the order of a few millivolts to more than 200 volts. When a Strain Gage Amplifier is specified, the system becomes Model 141. Amplifiers are readily interchangeable. When a built-in timer is included for either, the Model numbers become 128T or 141T.

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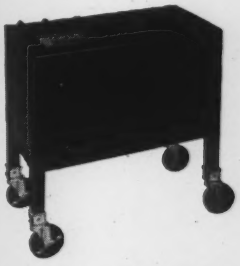

The two channels of **Model 60** operate independently of each other, but record simultaneously. Ten paper speeds are standard equipment, in pairs of: 5 and 0.5, 10 and 1, 25 and 2.5, 50 and 5, 100 and 10 mm/sec. Ready interchangeability of amplifiers (DC and Strain Gage) and preamplifiers (DC and AC) makes possible the availability of a variety of input circuits. Timing and coding are built-in features. Each channel has a 5 cm recording width.

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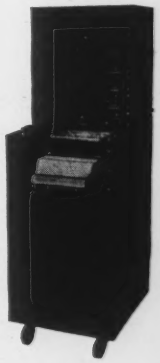

Model 67 provides for the direct, simultaneous registration of up to four phenomena on one record, using the same principles and methods as the two systems described above. In addition, there is a selection of eight paper speeds: 50, 25, 10, 5, 2.5, 1.0, 0.5, and 0.25 mm/sec., and provision for the use of 4-, 2-, or 1-channel recording Permapaper. As in Model 60, above, amplifiers and preamplifiers are readily interchangeable.

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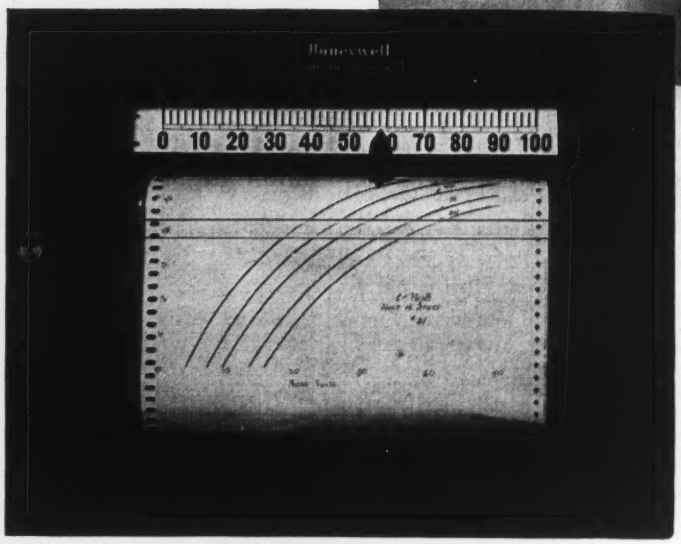

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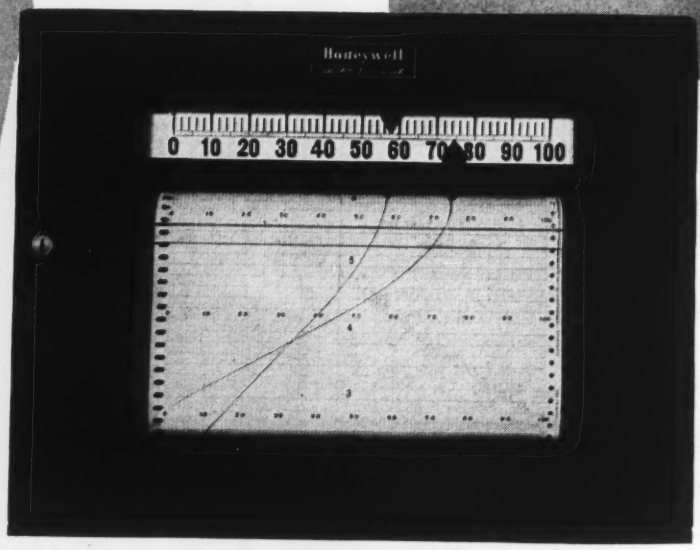

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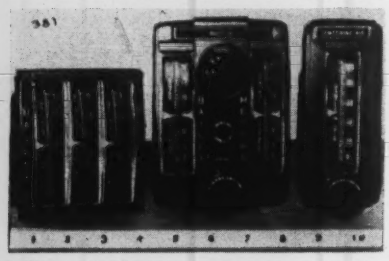
Miniature Indicators and Control Units

New "Mini-Line" miniature indicators and control units include all information and controls for operating



boilers, turbines, and process units. Panels will be more than 50 percent smaller. New units include multi-point indicator, selector valve, and remote manual relay.—*Bailey Meter Co.*, 1050 *Ivanhoe Road, Cleveland* 10, *Ohio.*

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Electrical Analog Computer

New "Vapor-liquid Equilibrium Computer" has seven computing units, which comprise resistance networks, servomechanisms, and outputs proportional to mol-fractions for vapor and liquid phases. Designed by Phillips Petroleum Co.; maker: *Devico Corp.*, 901 *Greeley Ave., Webster Groves* 19, *Mo.*

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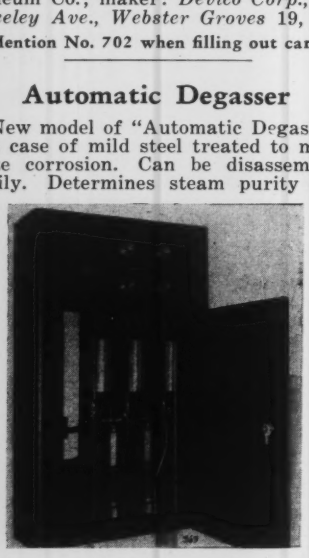
Automatic Degasser

New model of "Automatic Degasser" has case of mild steel treated to minimize corrosion. Can be disassembled easily. Determines steam purity and



produces continuously and automatically an approximate 50-50 split of flowing steam sample. One fraction contains dissolved solids and other dissolved gases that may be present.—*Hagan Corporation, Hagan Bldg., Pittsburgh* 22, *Pa.*

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Portable Pyrometer

New "Type LT-840 Xactemp" is self-contained high-resistance millivoltmeter pyrometer for rapid temperature determination below 800 F. Choice of four

calibrations. Available for use are two needle thermocouples, a ribbon thermocouple, a surface tip thermocouple, and other thermocouples and extension arms.—*Claud S. Gordon Co.*, 3000 *S. Wallace St., Chicago* 20, *Ill.*

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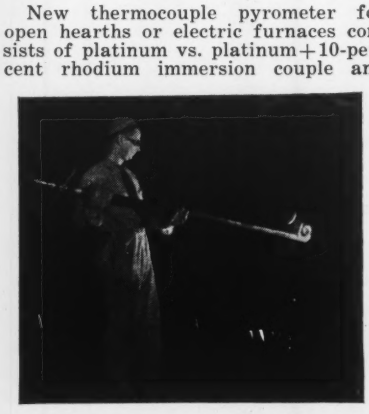
Immersion Thermocouple Pyrometer

New thermocouple pyrometer for open hearths or electric furnaces consists of platinum vs. platinum+10-percent rhodium immersion couple and



"Speedomax" pyrometer with signaling features. Heating of tube during immersion does not cause cold-junction error. Recorder operates three signal lights. Green light stays on as long as thermocouple circuit is closed. Amber light comes on when recorder pen moves upscale, shows that couple is in operating condition. Red indicates when couple registers bath temperature; tells operator when to withdraw couple. "Speedomax" range is 2400 to 3200 F. Recorder automatically standardizes potentiometer circuit.—*Leeds & Northrup Co.*, 4934 *Stenton Ave., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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Air-fuel Ratio Controller

New air-fuel ratio controller adjusts air flow to fuel flow changes rapidly without cycling. Available for use where ratio control alone is desired.

Models supplied to operate electric or pneumatic control valve. Wide range of proportional-band and reset control actions. Ratio range from 50 percent deficiency to 100 percent excess air.—*Leeds & Northrup Co.*, 4934 *Stenton Ave., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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Steel-case Thermometer

New "TAG Model 8689" thermometer incorporates heavy corrosion-resistant stainless-sheet-steel case, welded throughout. Can be obtained in five ranges from –40 F. to 400 F. Removable scale and tube unit for easy replacement. Scale piece buttresses sides

of case, so that no torque can be transmitted to scale to shift calibration on snap tube.—*Tagliabue Instruments Div., Weston Electrical Instrument Corp.*, 614 *Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark* 5, *N. J.*

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Running-time Meter

New hermetically-sealed running-time meter consists of self-starting synchronous motor which operates a register through a gear train. Registers total operating time or idle time. A-c. operated.—*R. W. Cramer Co., Inc., Centerbrook, Conn.*

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Sampling Monitor for Production-quality Control

New "continuous sampling monitor" is electrical device which automatically keeps track of sampling procedure and eliminates paperwork inherent in continuous sampling methods of quality control. Electric counter automatically keeps track of clearance number. When counter reaches set number, white sampling light indicates that a predetermined number of acceptable units has been inspected, and that sampling can resume. Percentage inspection or sampling may vary from 1 to 50 percent depending on the desired AOQL. Maximum counting speed is 500 units per minute.—*Special Products Div., General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y.*

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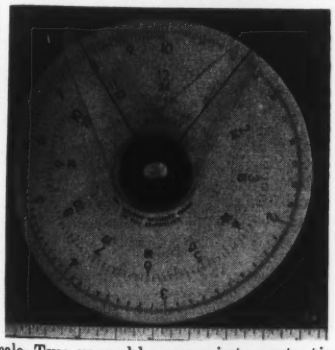
Time-study Computer

New "Time and Production Cost Computer" is a plastic 4-in. circular disk upon which is a time scale and log scale. Two movable arms integrate time clock in terms of man hours, unit or aggregate product cost, job efficiency, and relative proportions.—*Willer Sales Co., P. O. Box 10008, International Airport, Los Angeles 45, Calif.*



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Ultrasonic Flaw Detector

New "Audigage" flaw detector detects hidden defects. Ultrasonic resonance generates tone in headphones. Flaw revealed by pitch of signal. X-cut quartz-crystal transducer is swivel-mounted. Weighs twelve pounds. Power supplied by batteries.—*Branson Instruments, Inc., 430 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, Conn.*

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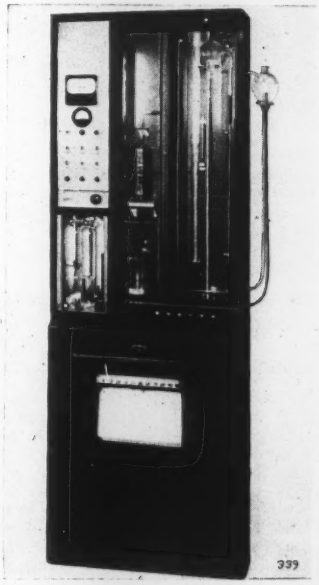
Adsorption Fractionator

New adsorption fractionation apparatus provides analysis of light hydrocarbon gases including pentanes. Gases are separated, identified and measured by volume of separated fractions. Separation is by physical adsorption. Identification is by measurement of thermal conductivities. Volume of each fraction is by determining change in pressure of evacuated system. Accuracies of 0.2 percent. Records made on potentiometer.—*Burrell Corp., 2223 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.*



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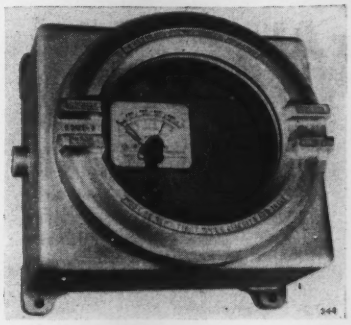
Explosion-proof Pyrometer Controller

New explosion-proof pyrometer controller consists of "Panelmount Simplytrol Style 11 Control" mounted in standard Crouse-Hinds explosion-proof "Type GUB Instrument Condulet."—*Assembly Products, Inc., Main at Bell St., Chagrin Falls, Ohio*



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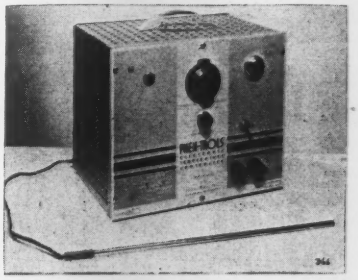
Temperature Controller

New temperature controller is direct dial-setting type and maintains preselected temperature within 0.50 C. Operates from 115-volt 60-cycle current. Handles loads up to 3,000 watt capacity. Equipped with plug-in receptacles for hook up of devices or to solenoid or other temperature controls. Stainless-steel thermocouple actuates unit. A similar model available for temperatures below O C.—*Phen-Trols, Inc., 15 Franklin Place, Rutherford, N. J.*



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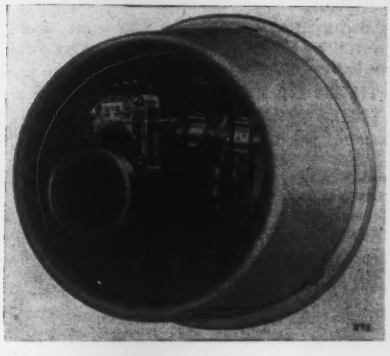
Illumination Controller

New "Model 1809" weatherproof plug-in unit provides "on-off" control of artificial lighting at predetermined light levels. Consists of dry-disk pho-



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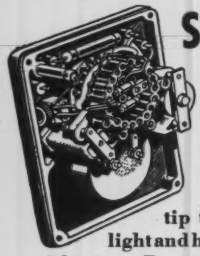

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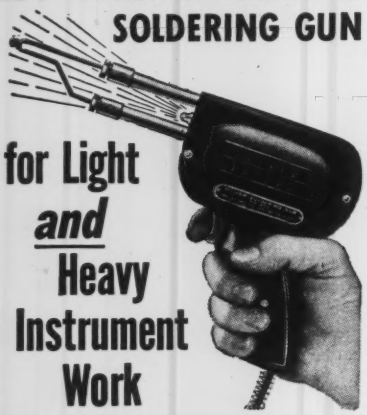

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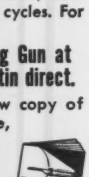

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Spotweld Control

New "slope-control" system extends electrode life 20-30 times when spot-welding aluminum. System restricts flow of welding current during first few cycles, allowing welding current to build up gradually to maximum. Gradual softening of metal under electrode tip helps maintain tip pressures and holds down tip temperatures, thus reducing "sticking."—*Reynolds Metals Co., 2500 South Third St., Louisville 1, Ky.*

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Peak-pressure Indicator

New "Model PPM-1" peak-pressure meter indicates peak value of short-duration voltage pulse such as that generated by a piezoelectric pressure

pickup. It is portable and non-microphonic. Peak voltage can be read to accuracy of 1 percent for 2 minutes after occurrence. Required minimum duration of input signal, 0.02 millisecond.—*Shepard Laboratories, 430 Morris Ave., Summit, N. J.*

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Production Control Boards

New features for "Visi-Trol" boards include: steel channels in several widths; plastic letters, figures and strips; moldings and accessories. Channels can be assembled vertically, horizontally, or diagonally or any combination thereof. Flame-resistant letters snap in or out of channels. Telescopic strips speed chart changes.—*Visi-Trol Corp., 21460 W. Eight Mile Road, Detroit 19, Mich.*

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Moisture Meter

New "Model 919" moisture meter is battery-operated and portable. Electronic circuit consists of two tubes, a standard for calibration purposes, and a ball-bearing-mounted precision variable capacitor on which is mounted scale drum. Circuit is compensated for temperature variations. Small power supply is available. Temperature range: –20 F. to 110 F.; relative humidity up to 95 percent. Electronic balance for weighing grain prior to measurement is extra.—*Halross Instruments Corp. Ltd., 171 Garry St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.*

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Starter-controller

New "Combination Life-Linestarter (Class 11-206-NJ)" for starting and controlling heavy equipment is available in NEMA sizes 1 through 5, with ratings up to 200 hp., 400 volts polyphase. Has overload relays. Starters are furnished as standard with 220/440-volt primary, 110-volt fused secondary, control-circuit transformer that can be used on either 220- or 440-volt supply voltage, 50 or 60 cycles.—*Westinghouse Electric Corp., Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.*

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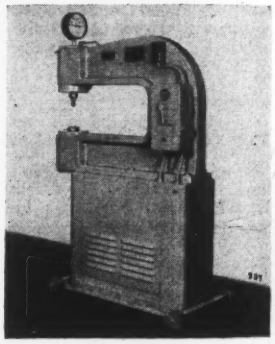
Hardness Tester

New "Model AP-1" Brinell hardness testing machine has throat depth of 24 in. and is mounted on wheels. Lower anvil is top of hydraulic piston, which



rises as load is applied to take pressure off conveyor. Maximum vertical opening between ball penetrator and anvil is 4 in. Weight is 900 lbs.—*Steel City Testing Machines, Inc., 8843 Livernois, Detroit 4, Mich.*

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Planetarium Projector

New improved model of Carl Zeiss Planetarium Projector is again available on order. In all, 26 Zeiss projectors have been built. Twenty are in Europe and six in United States. Projector shows 9,000 stars plus the sun, moon, and planets on a huge dome. All can be shown in their correct position for any

instant, year, or century, and as seen from any viewpoint on earth. The motions are controlled by seven motors.—*Ercona Corp.*, 527 *Fifth Ave., New York* 17, *N. Y.*

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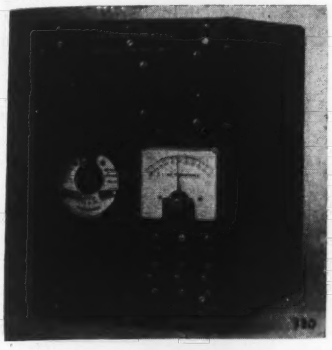
Displacement Indicator and Controller

New "Type 131 Electronic Displacement Indicator and Controller" is for use in conjunction with "Schaevitz Linear Variable Differential Transformers" and "Schaevitz Pressure Transmitters." Range of displacement control is ±.001 to ±1.000 in. Greater displacements can be handled by mechanical leverage. Pressure control is available in range from 0 to 10,000 psi. Accuracy of the instrument is ±2 percent.—*Sterling Instruments Co.*, 13331 *Linwood Ave., Detroit* 6, *Mich.*



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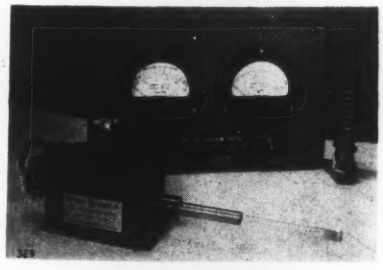
Vacuum Gage

New "Model 6" of maker's "Tru Vac" utilizes hot-wire principle; has dual ranges (0.5 to 500 and 500-3000 microns); is available in four models for use on soft-glass, hard-glass, metal and vacuum-hose systems. Gage operates on 6-v. d.c. and is provided with a milliammeter for current regulation. —*Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Illinois.*



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Electric Printer

New electric indicator and printer, intended primarily for use with low-resistance strain-gage devices, prints full block figure on card or tape. 60-cycle system eliminates standard cells and totalizes 2 to 4 input signals. Input

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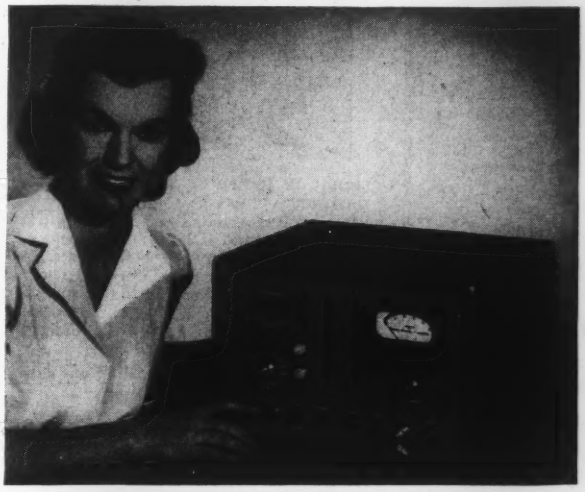

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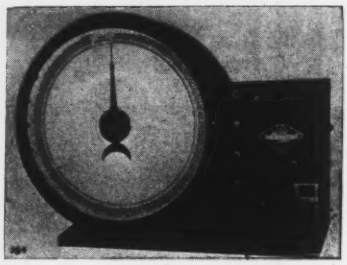

signal is indicated on 20-in. dial and recorded on card or tape by pushbutton. Accuracy is 0.1 percent of capacity for printer and 0.2 percent of capacity depending on type of cell used. Speed is full scale in 6 seconds—12 or 24 seconds for oscillating loads or measurements.—*Gilmore Technical Associates*, 5511 *Euclid Ave., Cleveland* 3, *Ohio.*

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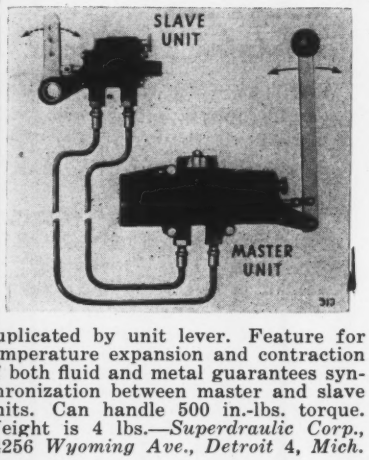
Hydraulic Remote Control

New "Superdraulic" control system consists of master unit and slave unit interconnected by two small tubes. Motion applied to lever of master unit is



duplicated by unit lever. Feature for temperature expansion and contraction of both fluid and metal guarantees synchronization between master and slave units. Can handle 500 in.-lbs. torque. Weight is 4 lbs.—*Superdraulic Corp.*, 14256 *Wyoming Ave., Detroit* 4, *Mich.*

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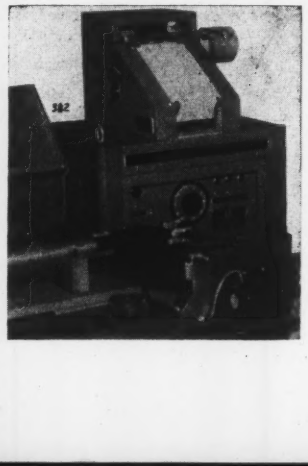
Crack Detector

New "A.C.D.T." detects and records crack-shaped flaws in ferromagnetic tubular products. Inspection head travels through bore of tubes. Facsimile



paper chart moves at rate proportional to travel of head through bore. Sensitivity is adjustable to eliminate negligible flaws on record. Speed of testing depends on minimum size of flaw to be detected. A 1-in. crack shows up at 15 linear ft. per min.—*Graydon Smith Products Corp.*, 150 *Causeway St., Boston* 14, *Mass.*

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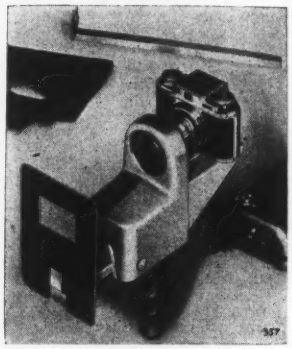
Research Camera

New camera comprises a 35-mm. close-up camera, built-in strobo light, and system of "range frames." Strobo light source is ring-shaped tube concentric with camera lens. Frames cover-



ing various areas are used as guides in setting camera and shooting. Camera features an f:3.2 44-mm. hard-coated, color-corrected lens with coupled rangefinder, speeds of 1/10th, 1/100th, 1/200th sec., time, and bulb.—*Bolsey Corp. of America*, 118 *East 25th St., New York* 10, *N. Y.*

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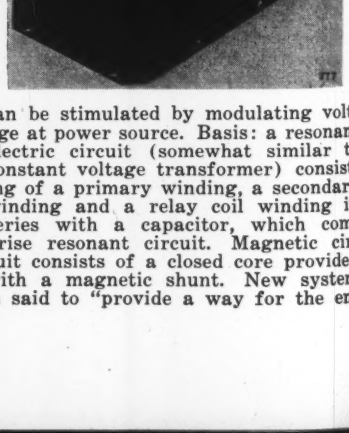
Electrical Control System

New "Sensivolt" controls electrical machinery by reacting to as small as 0.5 v. changes in a-c. line voltage; can be used to react automatically to unpredictable fluctuations in voltage; or



can be stimulated by modulating voltage at power source. Basis: a resonant electric circuit (somewhat similar to constant voltage transformer) consisting of a primary winding, a secondary winding and a relay coil winding in series with a capacitor, which comprise resonant circuit. Magnetic circuit consists of a closed core provided with a magnetic shunt. New system is said to "provide a way for the en-

gineer with a problem of a-c. voltage control which is not dependent on vacuum tubes or delicate relays for the control circuit." Controls can be made for any power system frequency, but it is necessary to have a fixed frequency.—*Sola Electric Co., 4463 W. 16th St., Chicago 50, Ill.*

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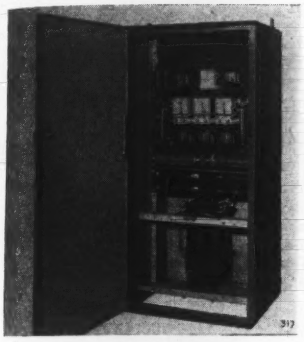
Electrical Automatic Regulator

New "Regulex" rotating amplificr-type generator-voltage regulator has no moving parts or electron tubes in voltage measuring and control panel. Equipment consists of compensating unit for reactive-current division, stabilizer panel, static voltage-measuring



circuit, battery-excitation switch and resistor, and a damping-transformer assembly. Knob on reactive compensating units adjusts autotransformer. Includes motor generator set, manually or motor-operated main exciter-field rheostat, and voltage-adjusting equipment. Used to control synchronous machines, to control voltage, power factor or current, and to prevent over-excitation or under-excitation.—*Allis Chalmers, Milwaukee, Wis.*.

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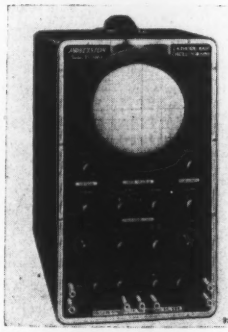
Oscilloscope

New "Series ES-500A" high-sensitivity cathode-ray oscilloscope has 5-inch tube and push-pull amplifiers with response beyond 1 mc. Input resistance



is 2 megohms, approx. 20 mmfd. input capacity. Vertical amplifier sensitivity is 20 millivolts per in. Calibrated input step-attenuator. Internal linear sweep from 10 cycles to 30 kc. Internal, phasable 60-cycle beam blanking plus Z-axis beam-modulation input terminals for external blanking and timing. Built-in horizontal phasing control. Audio monitoring phone jacks at rear of cabinet

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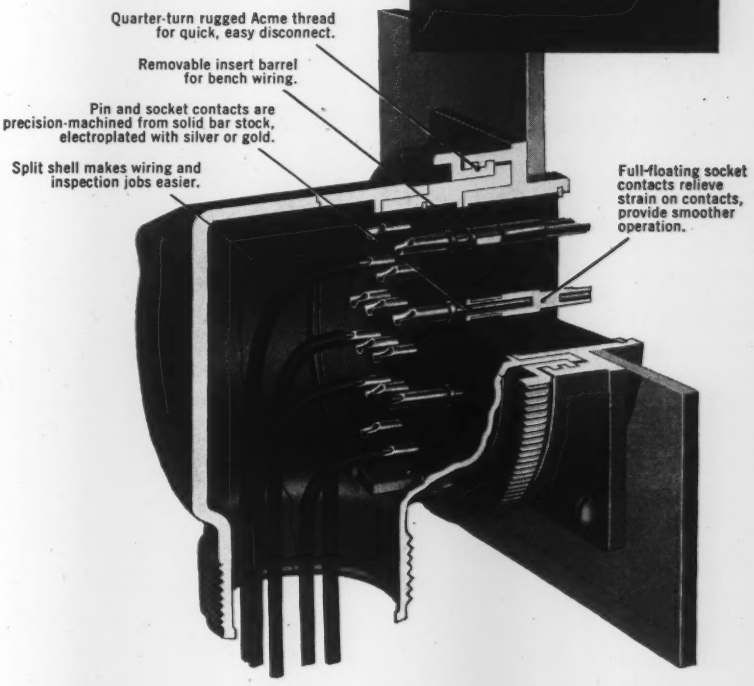
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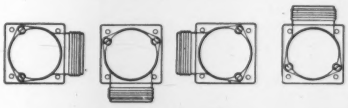

Diagram at left shows how the four positions of cable entry on the large 90° "K" endbell make the wiring job easier. Smaller Type "K" connectors have three positions.

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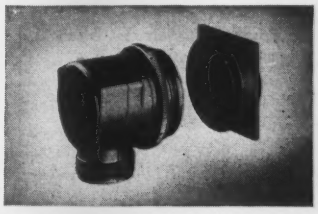

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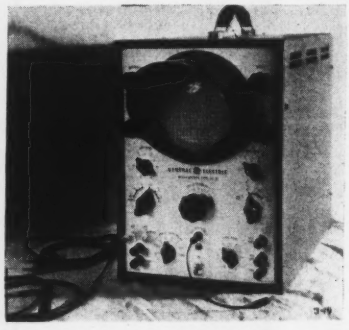
New "Type ST-2C" 5-in. oscilloscope has vertical sensitivity (a-c. input) of 0.075 volts rms. per inch. Vertical-amplifier frequency response is 20 cps. to



3 Mc. Weight is 43 lbs. Voltage calibrator included can be varied from 0.3 to 300 peak-to-peak volts.—*Commercial Equipment Div., General Electric Co., Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y.*

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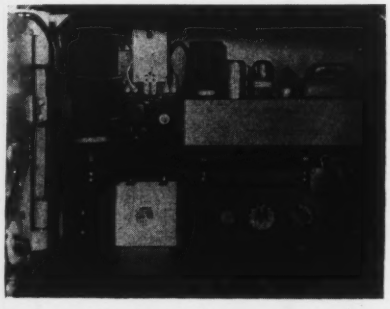
High-speed Recorder

New "ElectroniK" high-speed recorder measures and records variables which vary as rapidly as 20 cycles a minute (full-scale). Variables with peak-to-



peak amplitude of 10 percent of scale, varying as rapidly as three cycles a second can be recorded.—*Brown Instruments Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne & Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa.*

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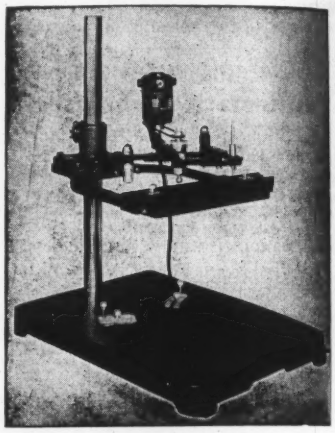

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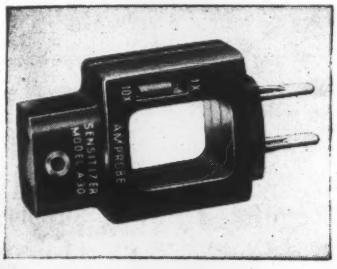

amps. Two-position switch shifts from sensitizer to split plug. Split plug facilitates snap-on current readings of equipment having sealed double-conductor electric cord.—*Pyramid Instrument Corp., 49 Howard St., New York 13, N. Y.*

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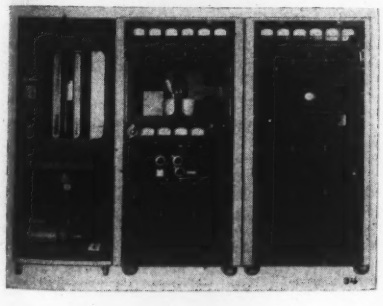

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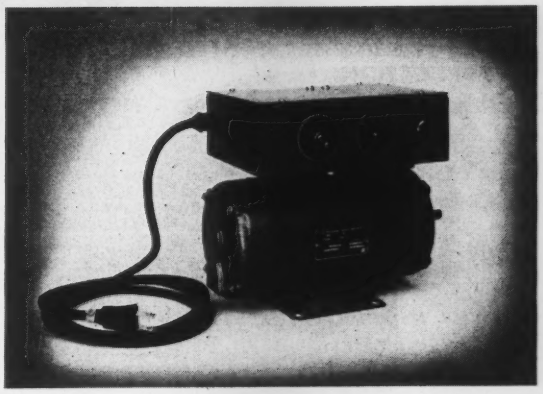

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	1800	1/30	174	1.35	2.00	2.30	10
	3600	1/20	250	.90	1.50	1.90	16
GGH-449 5 Speed	600	1/200	64	.50	.65	.65	6
	900	1/100	59	.95	.86	.90	5
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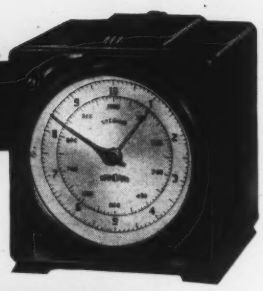

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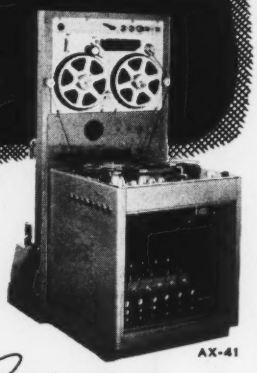

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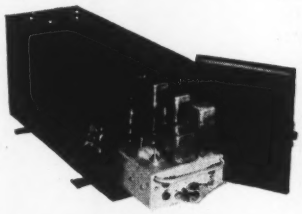
Mine-car Carrier-current Communications System

New carrier-current FM transmitter receiver for mine communications provides two-way voice communication between fixed stations and locomotives



operating on common supply line. Source voltage is provided by 6-v. storage battery charged from d-c. trolley line or motor-generator set on locomotive. Operates at 100 kc. A-f. response 300 to 3000 cps.—*General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y.*

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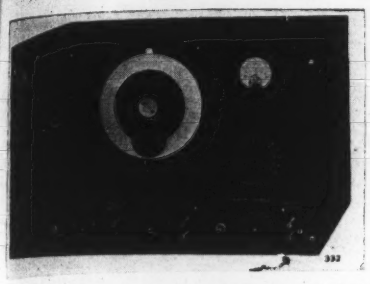

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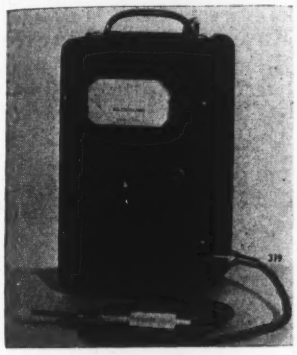

d-c. meter movement as long as probe is held in magnetic field. As probe is nonmagnetic, field is not disturbed. This gives six ranges with accuracy of 2.5 percent from 10 gauss to 30,000 gauss for a-c. and d-c. magnetic fields.—*Dyna Labs, Inc., 132 Lafayette St., New York 13, N. Y.*

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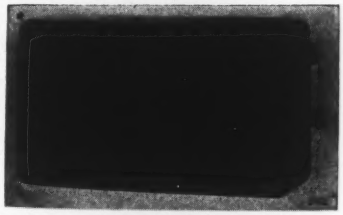
New "Snooper" is low-priced Geiger counter. Fits in hip pocket. Flashlight battery for power. Supplied with ear-



phone and a radioactive sample. Amplifier gives signal when near radioactivity of any type.—*Precision Radiation Instruments, 4113 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.*

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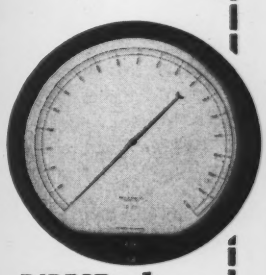

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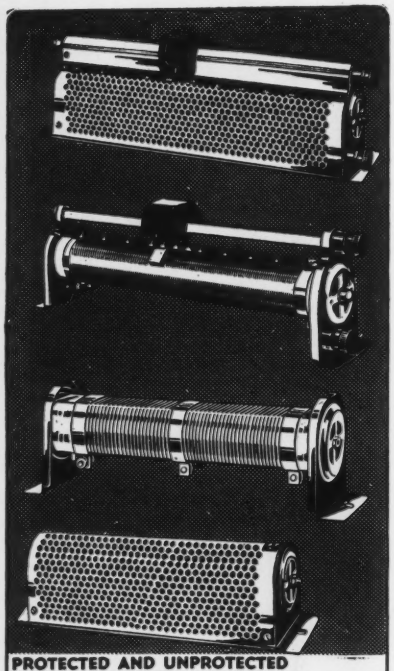

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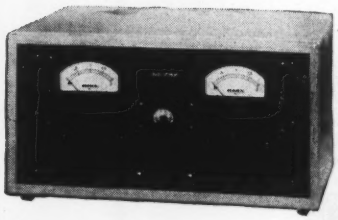

counts extremely weak activities with either short or long half-life. Is efficient low-level beta counter.—*Atomic Instrument Co., 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.*

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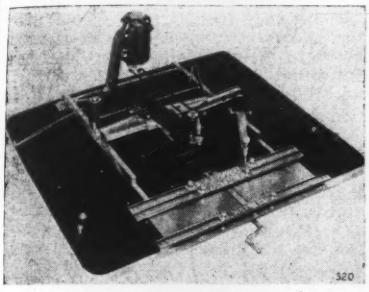

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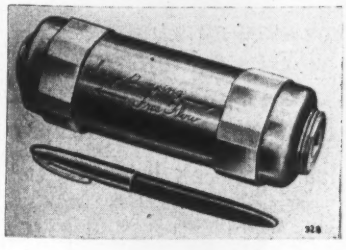

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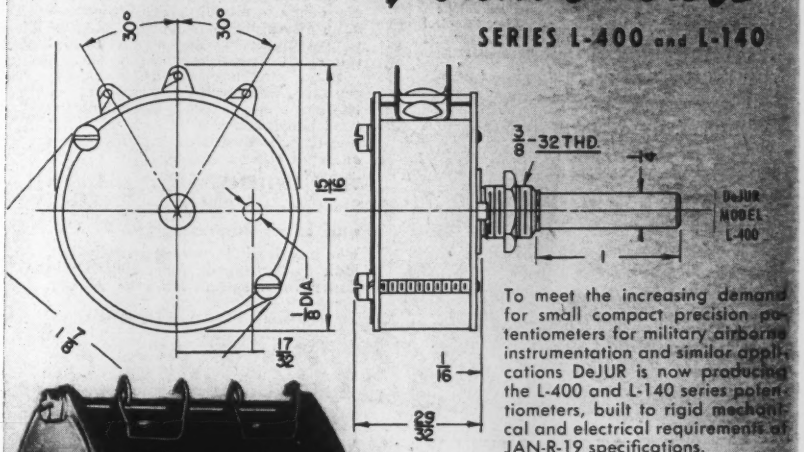

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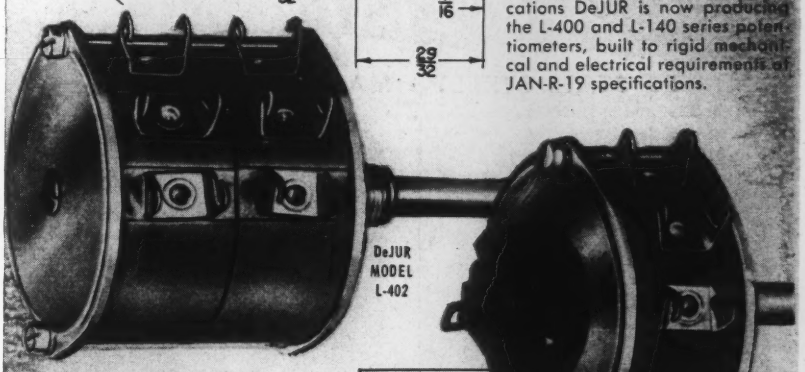

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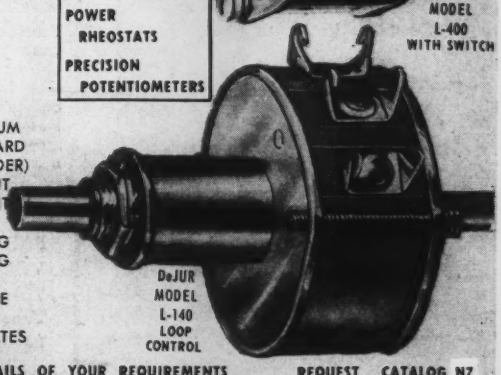

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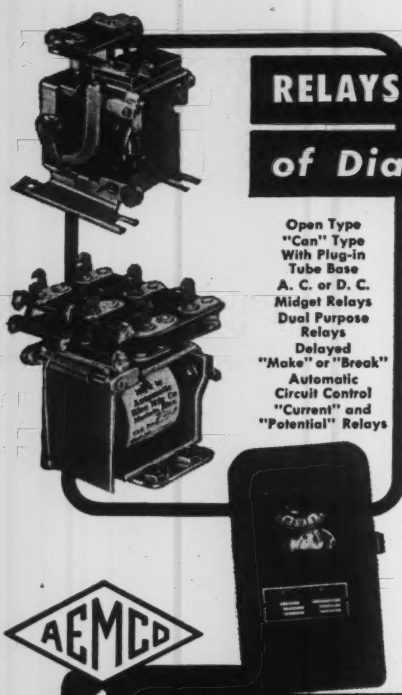

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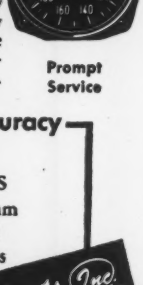

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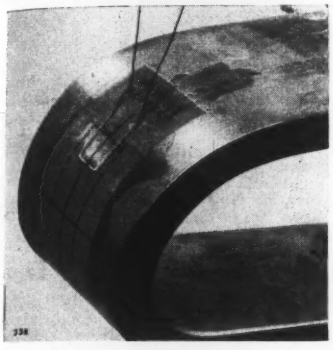

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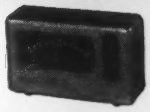

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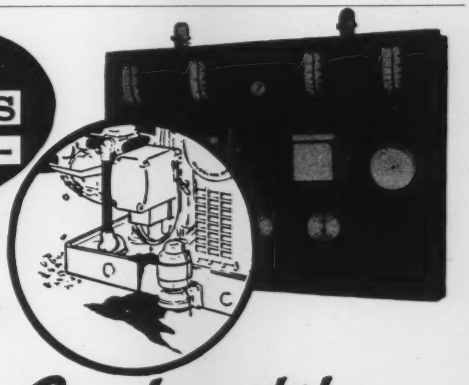

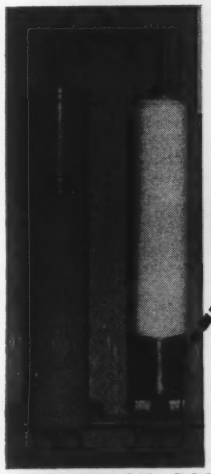

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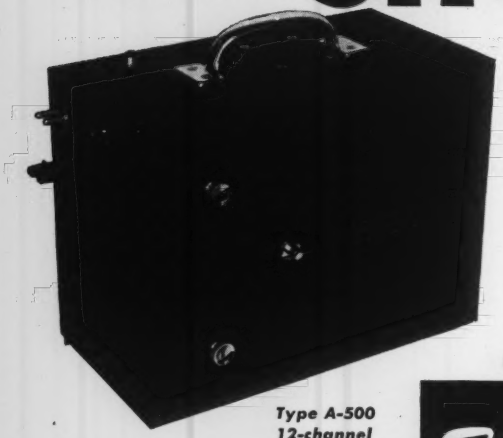

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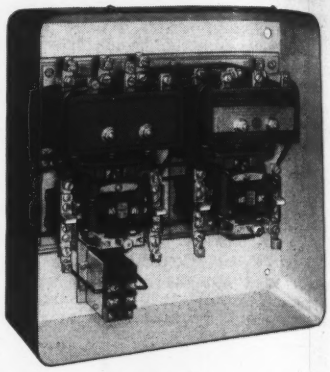

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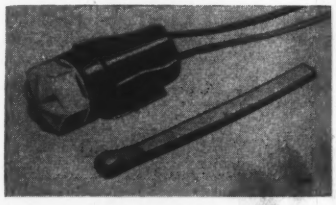

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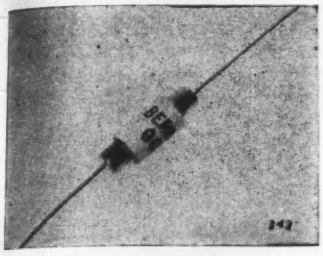

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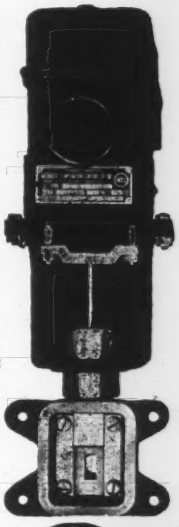

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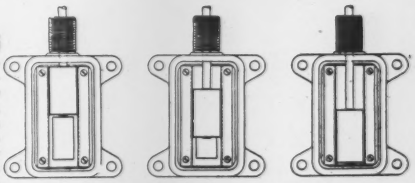

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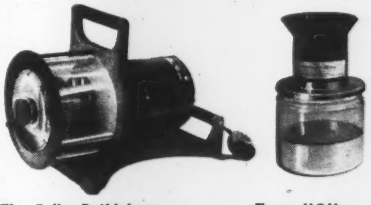

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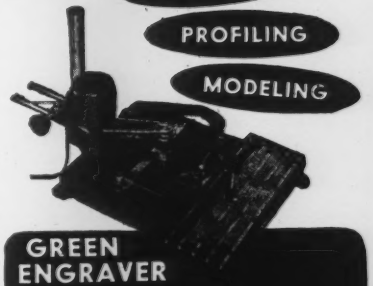

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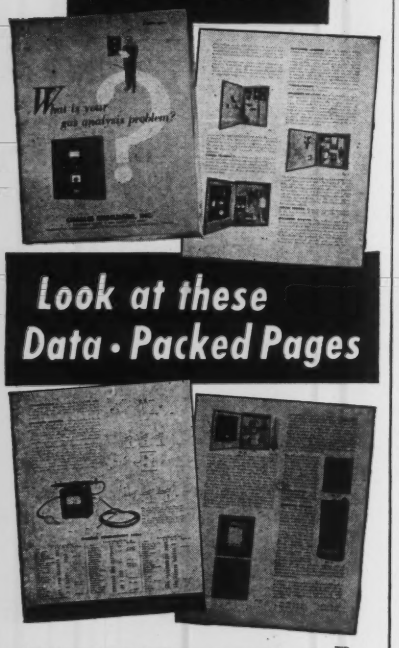

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the points indicated. The thermocouple was immersed for a normal reading in a bath at a temperature of 2970 deg. F. Readings of the three extra thermocouples were taken at one-minute intervals beginning at 2 minutes after the instrument alarm sounded. All times were checked with a stop watch. The No. 1 couple reached a maximum temperature of 495 F. after 13 minutes, whereas No. 3 couple did not go above 85 F. at any time.

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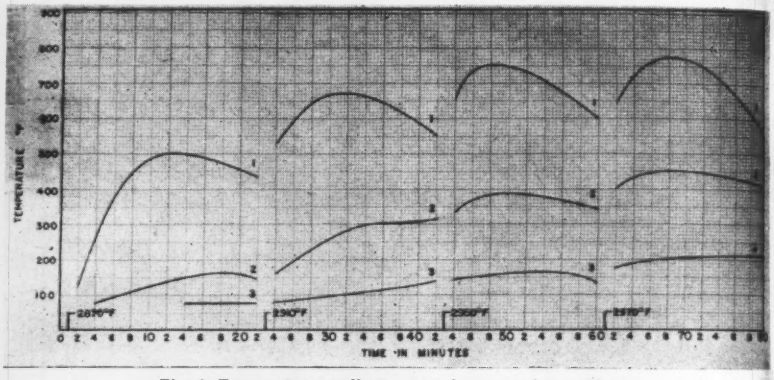

Fig. 6. Temperature-gradient curves for successive readings.

Fig. 6 shows the body-temperature gradients of the thermocouple when four consecutive readings were taken in a period of only 61 minutes. This test proved that the No. 3 thermocouple location was safe to use. As a result of these tests, a minimum thermocouple length of 5 feet is used to eliminate completely the possibility of ever having thermocouple-compensating-lead-wire connection rise to 250 deg. F.

The thermocouples are checked for accuracy while in service by the comparison method. A man from the Instrument Department takes a reading with an immersion unit which is being used by the open-hearth melters. This reading is recorded on the Speedomax. The same man then uses a unit of known accuracy and takes another reading. This is also recorded on the Speedomax. Both readings can be taken in a minute or less and the chart readings compared. The units have been found to be accurate within ±10 deg. F. to 2950 deg. F.

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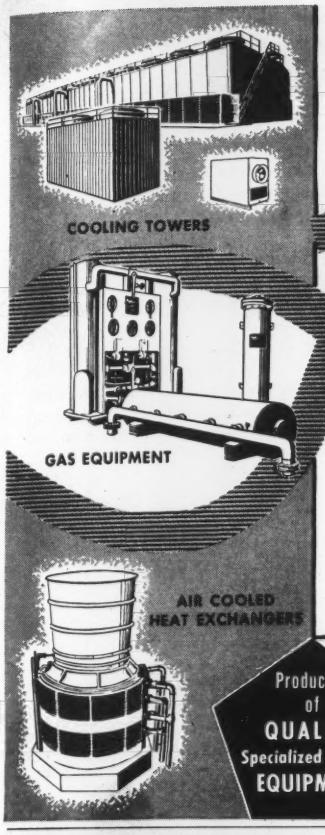

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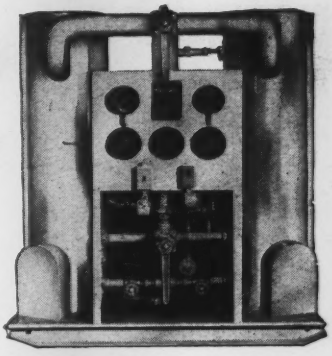

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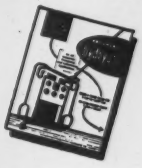

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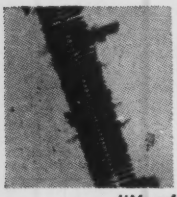

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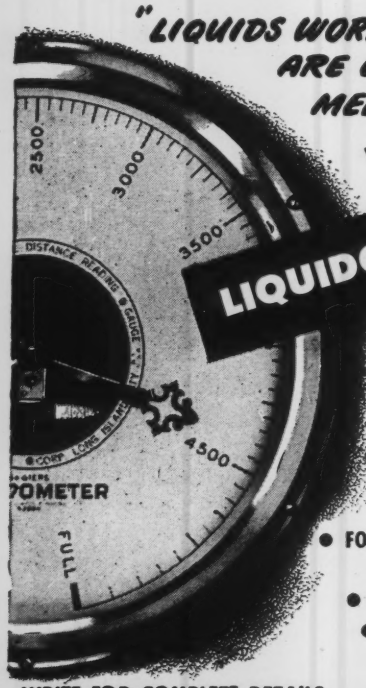

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cells can not be recharged. The most common type of primary cell is the familiar dry-cell battery (Fig. 5A.) Secondary cells, however, use a reversible reaction and, therefore, can be recuperated ("recharged" in the vernacular) by sending a current through them in the opposite direction to that during discharge. The lead storage cell is the most familiar type of secondary cell (Fig. 5B).

Motor generators convert mechanical power into a-c. or d-c. electrical power. Motor-generators employ a rotating armature in a magnetic field (or a rotating field and a stationary armature) to induce potential in the armature. The potential induced in the armature can be collected with slip rings at each end of the armature to produce a-c. output (Fig. 6), or the potential can be collected with a single split-ring, called a commutator, to produce pulsating d-c. output (Fig. 7). This mechanical-electrical method is used to produce the familiar 110-volt a-c. and d-c. household and industrial currents.

Peak, Average, and Effective Values

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Peak value is the maximum excursion in potential or

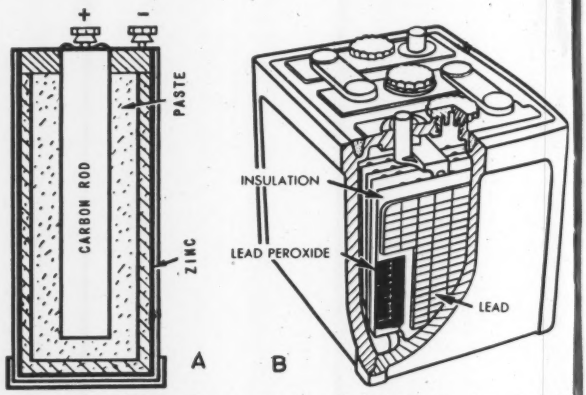

Fig. 1-5. Battery cells. A, one dry-cell battery; B, three lead-acid storage cells in a battery.

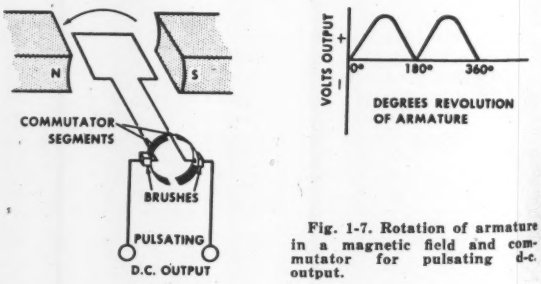

Fig. 1-6. Rotation of armature in a magnetic field and slip rings for a-c. output.

Fig. 1-7. Rotation of armature in a magnetic field and commutator for pulsating d-c. output.

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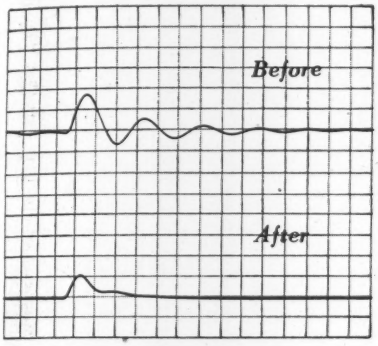

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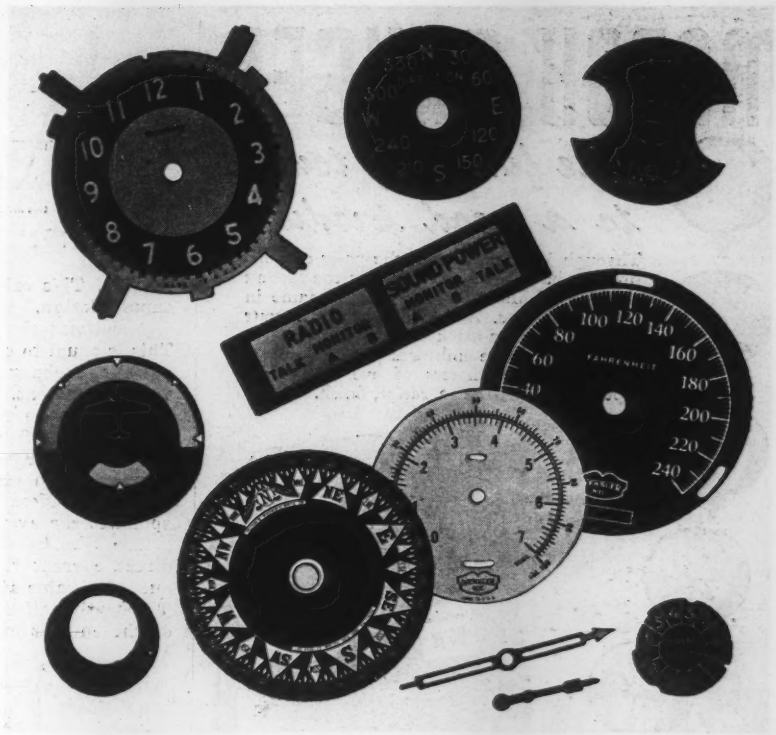

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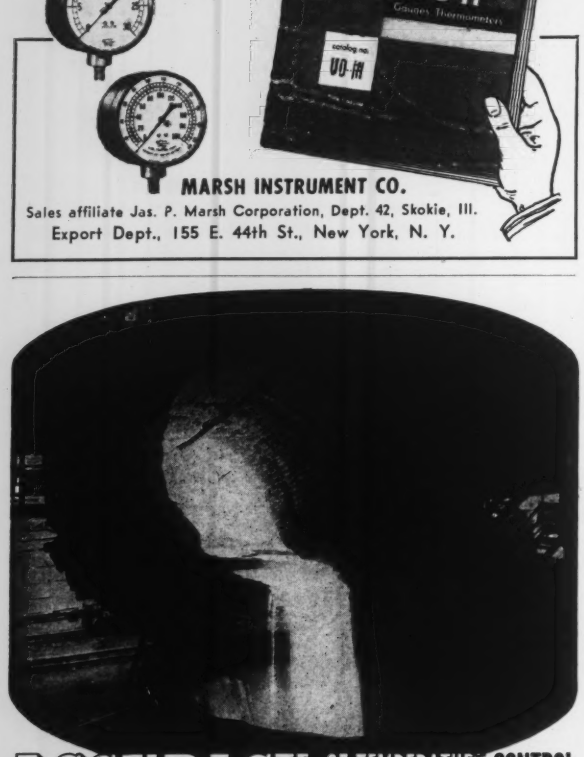

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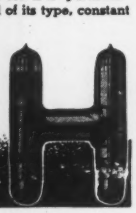

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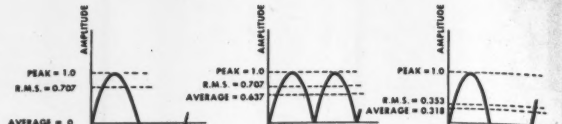

Fig. 1-8. Peak, average, and effective values of a sine wave, a full-wave rectified sine wave, and a half-wave rectified sine wave.

current. This value is important in rectification and power-supply design.

Sometimes the *average value* of a current is desired. This is equal to the direct current that transports the same amount of charge during the same interval of time as the varying current. The average value of a pure sine wave is zero because positive and negative values are equal. A full-wave rectified current, however, has an average value equal to $2/\pi$, or 0.637 times the maximum value ($I_{max.}$). The average value of a half-wave rectified current is $1/\pi$ or 0.318 I_{max}. Most a-c. instruments of the rectifier type respond to the average a-c. value of the current.

The *effective value* of a varying current is equal to the direct current that, flowing in the same resistance, produces the same average power dissipation, or heating effect. The heating effect of a current is proportional to the square of the current and is independent of the direction of current flow. Therefore, the effective value of an alternating current is the square root of the average value of the squared current. Stated briefly, effective value is the square root of the average square. This is abbreviated to rms., or root mean square. Unless otherwise specified, a-c. voltages or current are rms. values. The rms. value of a current is equal to $\sqrt{2}/2$, or 0.707, times the maximum value. Similarly, I_{max} equals $\sqrt{2}$, or 1.414, times the rms. value.

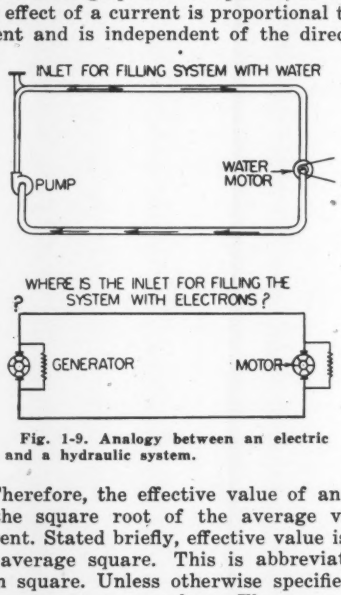

Fig. 1-9. Analogy between an electric and a hydraulic system.

The scales of a-c. instruments usually are calibrated in rms. volts or amperes. Instruments such as thermocouple instruments, which use the heating effect of current as a basis of operation, respond to rms. value directly. Such instruments respond to direct current or rms. alternating current and are independent of frequency. In most a-c. instruments of the rectifier type the scale is calibrated in rms. value, although the instrument responds to the average value.

Analogy between Electric and Hydraulic System

Fig. 9 shows a pump forcing water through a water motor and a generator forcing electricity through an electric motor. The two systems are similar in many respects.

The flow of water in the hydraulic system is analogous to the flow of electrons in the electric system. The pressure developed by the pump between the inlet and outlet is the driving force. Similarly, the potential difference between the generator terminals is the driving force.

As water is incompressible, the motor starts the moment

the pump starts. Thus the pressure is transmitted through the water pipe at a much faster rate than the flow of water. Similarly, the potential in the electric system is transmitted from generator to motor at a much faster rate than the flow of electrons in the conductors. The potential travels at the speed of light, which is so rapid that it is possible to disregard the time lag in all circuits except ultrahigh-frequency circuits. Thus, if the generator develops 115 volts, you can assume that the 115-volt potential appears across the motor at the instant the generator is connected to the line.

There is an obvious difference between the hydraulic and electrical systems. Whereas the hydraulic system must be filled with water from an external source, the electrical system requires no such source. This is because the metals in the electrical system provide the electrons. A current flows in a metallic conductor and not through the air space around the conductor because the metal supplies an enormous number of free electrons, whereas the molecules of air have few free electrons.

Relation between Electricity and Magnetism

One of the earliest discoveries about electricity was that an electric potential is induced in a conductor when the conductor is moved in a magnetic field. This is the basic principle of operation of motor-driven generators (Figs. 6 and 7). When the conductors of the armature cut the lines of flux of the magnetic field, potentials are induced in the armature. These potentials cause currents to flow in a load connected to the output.

A second early discovery about electric current was that there always is a magnetic field around the current. This fact is demonstrated simply by bringing a magnetic compass near a wire in which current flows. The interaction of electric and magnetic fields is important in the operation of inductors and radio waves. As a radio wave is made up of a moving electric and magnetic field, it is called an electromagnetic wave.

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- (a) electron motion
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- (c) kinetic energy
- (d) potential energy

1-2. Brownian motion helped to prove that
- (a) kinetic energy equals $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- (b) the molecular weight of water is 18
- (c) atoms are composed of electrons
- (d) all molecules in matter move

1-3. The mass of the sodium atom was first derived by
- (a) use of the kinetic-energy formula
- (b) direct measurement
- (c) use of Avogadro's number
- (d) spectrographic methods

1-4. The volume of an atom was first derived by
- (a) direct measurement
- (b) use of Avogadro's number
- (c) spectrographic methods
- (d) use of Brownian motion

1-5. An ion is
- (a) an electron
- (b) a current
- (c) a charged atom
- (d) a neutral atom

1-6. Normally, an atom or molecule is electrically
- (a) charged positively
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- (a) atom
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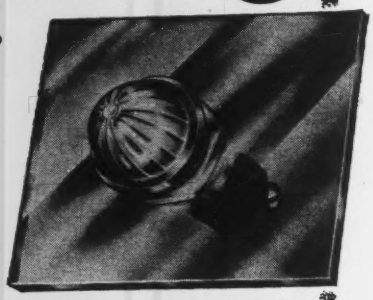

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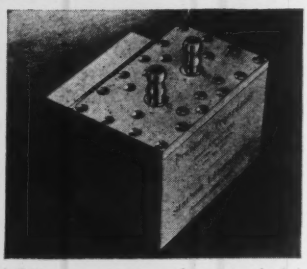

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(a) deionized
(b) neutral
(c) charged negatively
(d) charged positively

1-9. Ultraviolet light differs from ordinary visible light in that the former causes irradiated bodies to emit electrons
(a) only when heated
(b) in smaller numbers
(c) more readily
(d) of less penetrating power

1-10. The phenomenon by which bodies emit electrons when illuminated by ordinary light is called
(a) photometry
(b) conductivity
(c) photoelectricity
(d) thermionic emission

1-11. Thermionic emission is like photoelectricity in that both phenomena pertain to
(a) heating of an object
(b) Brownian motion
(c) irradiation of an object with light
(d) emission of electrons from an object

1-12. The mass of an electron was first derived by
(a) using the ratio of charge to mass
(b) direct measurement of one electron
(c) using the kinetic-energy formula
(d) weighing a known number of electrons

1-13. The lightest known mass is the mass of
(a) one electron
(b) one hydrogen atom
(c) one neutron
(d) one proton

1-14. Rutherford's experiments led him to conclude that most of the volume of an atom is occupied by
(a) electrons
(b) protons
(c) neutrons
(d) empty space

1-15. According to the modern theory of atomic structure, as first postulated by Niels Bohr, the electrons in an atom move
(a) in straight-line paths
(b) only when excited by ultraviolet light or heat
(c) inside the nucleus
(d) in orbits around the nucleus

1-16. A positron differs from a proton in that the former has
(a) smaller charge
(b) smaller mass
(c) larger mass
(d) larger charge

1-17. The nucleus of the simplest atom, the hydrogen atom, is
(a) one electron
(b) one proton
(c) one proton and one neutron
(d) two protons and two neutrons

1-18. An electric current is the flow of
(a) electrons only
(b) positive ions only
(c) negative ions only
(d) all the above

1-19. The electric current in a metallic conductor is a flow of
(a) electrons only
(b) positive ions only
(c) negative ions only
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1-20. One ampere of current is the flow of 6.3×10^{18} electrons per second through a cross section of
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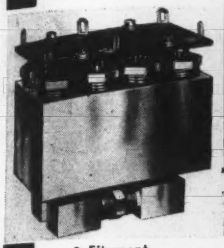

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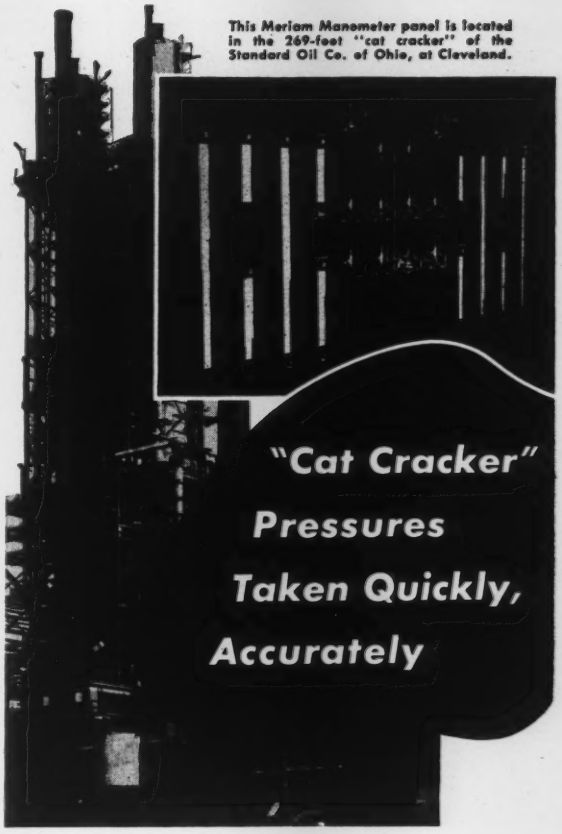

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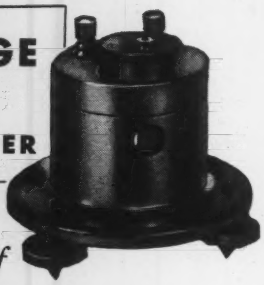

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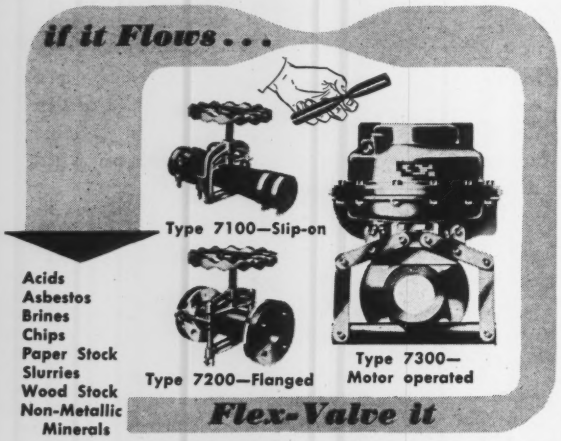

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(a) a motor generator
(b) a battery
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1-23. An alternating current differs from a pulsating direct current in that the former
(a) changes its value from one instant to the next
(b) becomes zero periodically
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1-25. A primary cell differs from a secondary cell in that the former uses
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1-30. Scales of a-c. instruments usually are calibrated in
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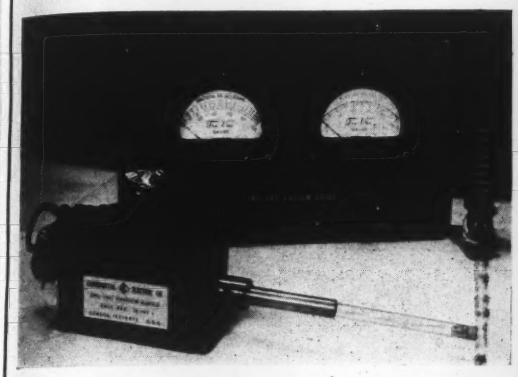

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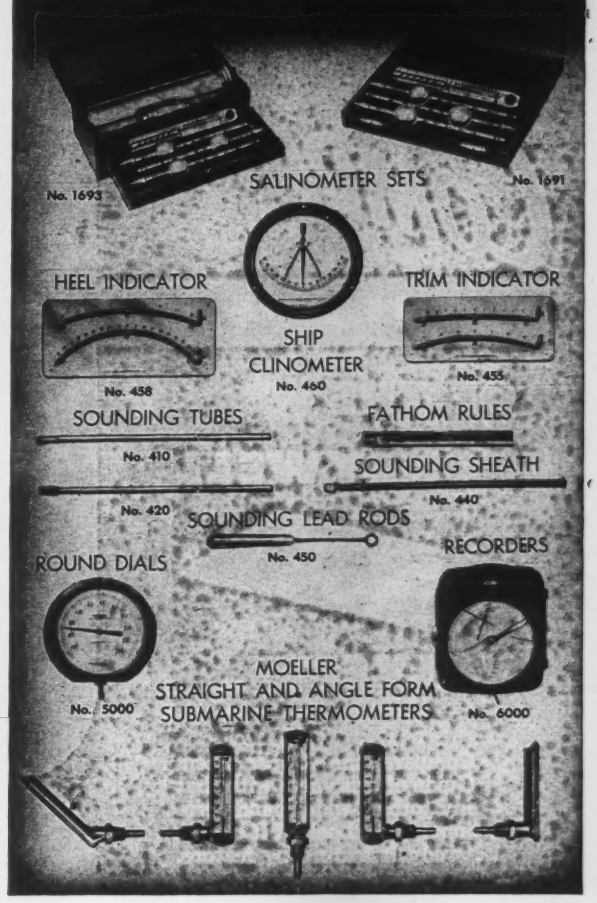

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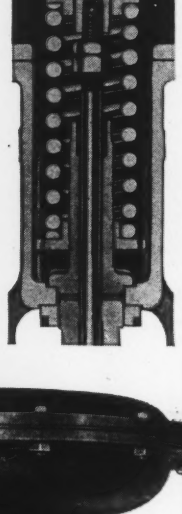

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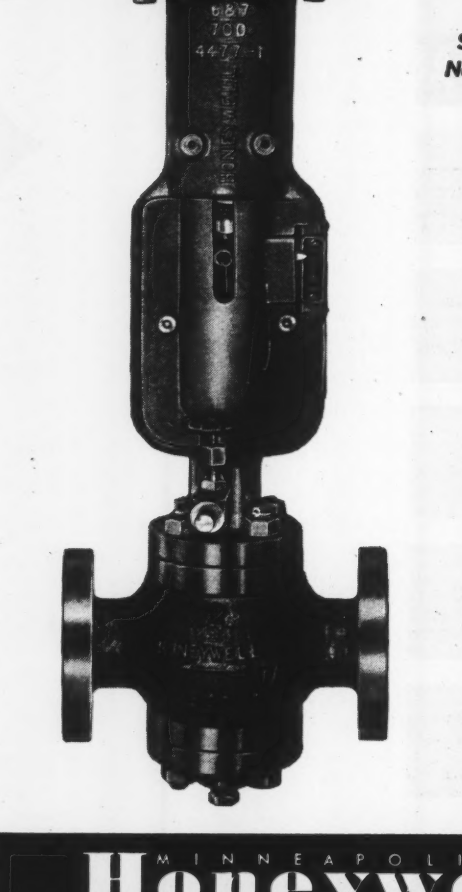

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THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

Ideas from the Sections

I HAVE just received a letter from W. A. Spangenberg, Publicity Chairman of the Presque Isle Section, who reports on several plans which are being put into effect by the Presque Isle Section, ISA, for the coming 1951-52 meeting year. In the interests of transmitting these ideas for possible use by other Sections, I am below outlining some of the plans reported.

Mr. Spangenberg writes:

"Our new Program Chairman, Mr. D. H. Wiley of the American Meter Co., has a novel plan for the coming season which we hope will increase our meeting attendance. Plans are being made to have copies of all the meeting lectures printed and distributed to our members so they can file them for future reference. This will be called our "Year Book" and will be compiled under the direction of Mr. R. B. Gray who gave us this suggestion.

"Another new committee which is being formed is the "Greeters Committee," who will meet our members and guests as they arrive at meetings and pin a name plate on each lapel. This should help the sociability of the meeting.

"An Instrumentation Discussion Period, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. H. Schroyer of the American Meter Co., is also being instituted by the Section. This will be a 15 minute portion of each meeting program allotted to the discussion of current instrument problems of interest to the members. This will afford a formal opportunity to exchange ideas of useful measurement techniques.

"Another aid which we are planning to inaugurate during the coming meeting season and which has been done with great success by other Sections, is the printing of a program booklet which will list the meeting dates, places, speakers and subjects for the meetings of the '51-'52 year.

"The Presque Isle Section now has an intense membership drive in full swing to contact all companies who employ instrument men in the Erie area. The Membership Committee is convinced that the area should contribute many more members than it does, and they are busy working to make the potential member an actual member."

The Section also is sending two representatives, D. H. Wiley and R. B. Gray, to the Houston meeting and has decided to have these men report on the highlights of the National meeting. This technique has been used many

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Do You Need an Instrument Man? Companies or institutions seeking instrument men are requested to file notice of open positions with the Society Office, prior to the week of the Conference and Exhibit for posting on bulletin board. You do not have to be present. Interested applicants will be instructed to write direct to you.

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IDEAS FROM SECTIONS

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times before by the Sections, notably, however, by the Aruba Section in 1950. This Section sent a delegate to the Instrument Conference and Exhibit who took his assignment very seriously. His report to the Section subsequently was printed in the "Aruba Section Bulletin." The report was so thorough and entertaining that it was widely read with great interest even by those who had actually attended the meeting. Other Section officers could well consider this idea. Now is the time to appoint delegates to the Houston meeting and to allot them a period in the Fall meeting program for their reports.

Incidentally, for those going to Houston—another caution about hotel reservations: *Make them as early as possible.* The April ISA Journal carried an article on hotels and rates.

Section Annual Reports

I have just received from the new Jersey Section their June 1951 "Report to Members." This is a four-page smooth-paper 8½-by-11-in., printed fold-over which contains, among other reports, an annual report of the Section President, an annual report of the Section Treasurer, and a report by the Membership Committee. The Section has cleverly incorporated into its regular meeting announcement and reporting sheet this worthy end-of-season report to the members. The Treasurer's report is quite detailed and the other reports are comprehensive and thorough in their history of committee activities for the year past. Section members are thus not only kept well informed but should also be proud of the extensive activities reported.

Section Program Chairman might be reminded again to make their reservations through the National Office if they plan to use the film "Principles of Automatic Control" during the coming meeting year. Demand for this film has been extremely heavy and reservations are being made even now for dates well into 1952. By September or October, reservations to suit will be difficult to obtain.

As soon as final Section meeting announcements are received a new supplementary Speaker's List covering the Section speakers and subjects of the past year will go out to the Secretaries. Watch for it.

Fifth Anniversary Membership Campaign

Last year the Society Sections and Membership Committee under the able chairmanship of M. S. Jacobs put into operation a promotion campaign to increase Society membership to over 5,000 members. It was hoped that this figure would be reached before the Fifth Anniversary date of the Society in April 1951. Although this figure was not quite reached, the results of the campaign were highly creditable and the appreciation of all is due those Sections, Committees, and members who wholeheartedly supported this activity and increased their Section membership thereby.

Sections were assigned a quota of new members to be reached, the goal being 15% of their membership total as it stood last year. Here are listed the Sections, their quotas, and the number of new members actually added by each Section.

As can be seen from this list the Richland Section made the greatest increase in new members. Their quota was 10 and they secured 34. This Section will receive a chairman's gavel from the National Society in appreciation of their service. The gavel will be formally presented to the Section Delegate at the Society function during the Houston Meeting.

The individual whose efforts secured the greatest number of new members was Mr. Theodore A. Clark, of the Clark Brothers Instrument Company. Mr. Clark, who has been a charter member of the Wayne County Section ISA since 1946 was responsible for encouraging 12 men to join the Society. He will receive a 10K gold plated Society insignia lapel button as a symbol of the Society's appreciation.

Space does not permit the listing of each Section member and crediting him with the number of new members who joined through him. To all these members, however, and to those who secured new members but who did not receive Sectional or National recognition, is due the sincere thanks of the entire Society.

It is to be hoped that this fine show of Society promotion by the members will continue, campaign or not, and become a fixed habit of the members. No one is in a position to promote the interests of the Society and to increase the membership of his Section more effectively than the individual member in his own working sphere. No single individual or committee is closer to the actual source of potential members than is this individual member. Constant, determined, patient effort on the part of all members, throughout the entire year, is the way to grow. Let us have a permanent membership campaign.

SECTION	QUOTA	NEW MEMBERS
Akron	6	
Albuquerque	9	1
Aruba	6	3
Atlanta	3	4
Baltimore	11	8
Baton Rogue	7	
Boston	16	9
California	25	12
Central Ill.	6	2
Central Ind.	12	
Central N. Y.	3	3
Charleston	10	2
Chicago	51	19
China Lake	6	
Cincinnati	9	4
Cleveland	19	5
Columbus	3	3
Cumberland	2	2
Detroit	10	1
Eastern N. Y.	15	12
Gulf Coast	6	
Houston	20	11
Kansas City	9	7
Louisville	6	7
Montreal	12	
New Jersey	34	30
New Orleans	2	
New York	37	18
Niagara Frontier	14	1
Northern Calif.	15	7
Northern Ind.	3	6
North Texas	3	
Oak Ridge	9	7
Ontario	6	1
Panhandle	7	6
Philadelphia	49	14
Pittsburgh	36	18
Presque Isle	2	1
Richland	10	34
Rochester	11	3
St. Louis	20	4
Sarnia	11	11
South Texas	9	8
Southern Mich.	4	1
Tennessee	7	4
Toledo	4	4
Tulsa	14	3
Twin Cities	5	
Washington	17	11
Wayne County	11	24
Wilmington	11	6

Symposium on Infra-red Instrumentation at Houston Conference

The Pasadena office of the Office of Naval Research has, during the last two years, scheduled a series of symposia on infra-red research to meet the needs of a large number of scientists and research engineers throughout the country who are actively engaged in research and development in the field of infra-red instrumentation, techniques, and applications, both militarily and commercially. These conferences proved so successful that a similar series is planned on a national scale, to be sponsored by the military services and the National Bureau of Standards in connection with the cooperative program on Basic Instrumentation carried on at NBS.

This year the RDB-NBS Symposium on Infra-red Instrumentation will be held in conjunction with the ISA Sixth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Houston, Texas, September 10-14, 1951.

The infra-red symposium will be held on September 13th and 14th. A closed meeting will be held in the Naval Reserve Armory in Houston on September 13th. Security clearance is required for attendance at this session.

The open session on Friday, Sept. 14th will be held in the Coliseum and anyone interested is invited to attend. Papers for the open session will include survey on the present status and recent advances in infra-red instrumentation, papers on rapid scanning spectrometers, Golay cells, and a variety of new commerical infra-red equipment.

Third Instrument Maintenance Clinic Houston, Texas

BY THIS TIME the ISA Instrument Mechanics Maintenance Clinic should no longer be news to Society members nor to those who follow the affairs of the Society.

Two years ago, in September 1949, during the weekend immediately preceeding the opening of the Fourth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit in St. Louis, 195 instrument mechanics and engineers attended sessions of the First Instrument Maintenance Clinic held in the St. Louis Statler Hotel. Ten groups of men attended ten separate, two-hour sessions on the repair, maintenance and installation of the instruments of ten companies who were to begin exhibiting on the coming Monday. Instructors and equipment were provided by the selected instrument manufacturers. Classes ran from Friday noon through Saturday and through Sunday. Late Sunday night, a group of very tired students and instructors called it a day. 195 men had each received 20 hours of instruction.

The response to this first Clinic was overwhelming. Instructors were gratified by the intense, sustained interest and active participation of the students. Students were lavish in praise of the instructors, the teaching methods and the subjects. All were satisfied that the day, or the half-day taken from regular jobs has been more than well repaid. Most students stayed over Monday, attending the Instrument Exhibit and taking advantage of the technical sessions of the Conference.

The Buffalo Clinic

Buffalo in 1950 saw the Second Instrument Maintenance Clinic. Host was the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, which generously opened its classrooms and laboratories for the students. The Second Clinic was similar to the original in group-time structure but offered subjects by instrument users. Typical subjects were: primary flow devices, fabrication and calibration of thermocouples, wet and dry meters, typical bridge circuits, strain gages and position indicators.

Again, in two and one half days, each student received 20 hours of instrument instruction. Many of the students had attended the first Clinic and were doubly repaid at Buffalo. Overseas visitors to the Instrument Exhibit made a special point to attend. Professional educators of the Institute marveled as the Clinic unfolded. The technical as well as the local popular press were keenly interested. Applicants had to be turned away. For the second time the Clinic was a complete success.

The Clinic at Houston

This year in Houston, Texas, the Third Instrument Maintenance Clinic will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7th, 8th and 9th. The Sixth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit will open on Monday morning, September 10th.

The Instrument Maintenance Clinic Sub-Committee of the Houston Section General Conference Committee is headed by C. R. Miller of the General Tire and Rubber Company, Baytown, Texas. Mr. Miller's Sub-Committee does liaison work with the National Instrument Maintenance and Operation Committee, and cooperates with them in arranging the Clinic topics and the instructors. The Sub-Committee heads up all the extensive local work in arranging the Clinic, with the help of the National Office.

Mr. Miller's Sub-Committee has already performed outstanding service in making arrangements for the Third Instrument Maintenance Clinic.

Participating Companies

The instrument manufacturing companies who will participate in the Houston Clinic, supplying instructors and equipment, and the subjects they will cover are as follows:

Brown Instrument Division, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company—*Operation & Maintenance of Brown Electronik;*

Fisher Governor Company—*Displacement Float Type Level Control;*

Foxboro Company—*The Dynalog;*

Hagan Corporation—*Boiler Combustion Controls;*

Leeds & Northrup Company—*Pneumatic Control & P. H. Measuring Circuits;*

Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc.—*Pressure Gages & Temperature Indicators;*

SCENE OF THE THIRD INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE CLINIC UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Ezekiel W. Cullen Building (top left) scene of the Clinic. View of campus, University of Houston (top right). Lobby of main entrance, Ezekiel W. Cullen Building (lower left); and one of the Clinic classrooms (lower right).

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Mason-Neilan Regulator Company—*Control Valves and Valve Positioners;*

Moore Products Company—*Nullmatic Controller & Nullmatic M. P. Station;*

Republic Flow Meters Company—*Pneumatic Transmitters;*

Taylor Instrument Companies—*The Transet Control System.*

The Sub-Committee has worked to provide a balanced program covering the most timely and popular subjects for the best interest of the students.

The instructors, in covering the subjects, will be guided along these lines: a) maintenance; b) location of trouble, including methods, procedure and equipment needed; c) repairs of the instrument being considered. No instrument will be covered which has not been on the market for 18 months or more. All companies will supply their own operating models, demonstration and accessory equipment.

At the St. Louis Clinic, the instrument companies who participated sent their best men as instructors. The response and comments of the students attested to this. The instructor staff of the Houston Clinic, from all indications received, will again be a selection of the best men in the operation and maintenance field. The companies concerned are selecting their men with extreme care; extensive experience, depth of knowledge, interest, and teaching ability being the requirements. Instructors and assistants are drawn either from the application, project, or service departments, and are generally Chief Engineers or Service Managers.

Registration and Class Hours

The Clinic will begin with registration at noon on Friday, September 7th, and will run six hours on Friday afternoon; on Saturday there will be eight hours of classes; on Sunday six hours of instruction. Actual times are as follows: Friday—1 to 3, 3 to 5, 5:15 to 7:15. Saturday, 8 to 10, 10:15 to 12:15, 1:15 to 3:15, and 3:30 to 5:30. On Sunday: 10 to 12, 1 to 3, and 3:15 to 5:15. Students will be divided into ten groups numbered respectively 1 to 10, and each group will move successively through 10 rooms lettered A to J; the instructors and equipment remaining in the same room and each subject being presented ten times there.

This program presents quite a task to both students and instructors. There is no doubt that it is rewarding.

The Clinic will be held in the modern classrooms of the air conditioned Ezekeil W. Cullen Building on the Campus of the University of Houston. The University has graciously offered to act as Host to the Maintenance Clinic, to its students and instructors. Photos of the campus, the building, and one of the classrooms are shown herewith. The University campus is conveniently reached by bus from downtown Houston.

As has been the custom in the past, all efforts are made to keep travel and living expenses of the students as low as possible. Several transportation plans are now being considered and will be reported on later. Positive steps on economizing on living expenses have been taken. There will be available, in Oberholtzer Hall, (a new dormitory on the campus), limited room space, two and three men per room, to Clinic students at a rate of $2.00 per day per man. Rooms will also be available from the 10th of September through the 14th, if desired. Plans for cafeteria service are not yet definite. Several eating places, however, are within easy walking distance of the classrooms.

Individual Attention Assured

Each class at the Clinic will be limited to 20 men to insure maximum benefit to the student by allowing individual attention to his questions. A small group such as this, by voicing its needs to the instructor, permits great topic-flexibility and better control over course-content; it being the desire of the instructors to adapt their material to best serve the students in each particular group. Lively participation by the class has been one of the outstanding features of the Clinics. It is strongly encouraged. A disciplined informality characterizes class atmosphere.

The Clinic is open to members of the Society and to non-members alike, but due to the heavy demand and the lim-

ited facilities available, the *applications of ISA members and members of the Cooperating Societies are taken first.* Openings remaining are then assigned to non-members. After registration no distinction is made. A registration fee of $3.00 is charged non-members. This fee can be applied toward the man's membership dues if he joins the Society.

To serve as a break in the heavy work load, the Society plans to provide a no-charge entertainment program for students on Saturday evening, September 8th.

Each student who successfully completes the course by attending all sessions will receive a Society certificate to this effect.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Final registration will be held at noon on Friday, September 7th, in Houston. Advance registration is available by mail to the National Office. In the near future, each member of the Society will receive, along with a Tentative Program of the Conference and Exhibit, an Advance Registration Blank for the Clinic. This blank, if completed and sent to the National Office, will reserve a place in the Clinic for the applicant. Advance registrations will be acknowledged and the applicants supplied with all necessary detailed information.

Further data on Clinic arrangements will appear on these pages as it is developed.

Houston Instrument Convention Committee

The Houston Section General Conference and Exhibit Committee, the group responsible for arranging the Houston Instrument Conference and Exhibit, met again on June 5th in the Houston Chamber of Commerce to iron out some of the final details of the show which is to open on September 10th in the Sam Houston Coliseum.

Shown above, from left to right, seated are: C. R. MILLER, General Tire and Rubber Co.; PORTER HART, Dow Chemical Co.; J. R. MARTIN, Humble Oil and Refinery Co. Chairman, National Meetings Committee; R. E. O'NEILL, Industrial Scientific Co., I. K. FARLEY, Brown Instruments Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.; and R. C. KING, Dow Chemical Co.

Standing, left to right, are: R. L. SPRINGFIELD, Manning Maxwell and Moore, Inc.; C. W. BATES, Humble Oil and Refining Co.; R. E. HANSON, Leeds and Northrup Co.; G. A. HUBERT, Eastern States Petroleum Co.; W. B. RAWSON, Maintenance Engineering Corp.; W. H. FORTNEY, Humble Oil and Refining Co., and R. RIMBACH, Exhibit Manager.

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SPECIFICATIONS WRITER. To assist in the preparation of standard material and process specifications governing the design of precision electro-mechanical devices, College graduate with technical degree preferred. Salary $3600—$4700. Location Long Island, N. Y. Box 494.

INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN. For servicing present extensive equipment; supervising installation of new instruments; assisting in specifications, designs and applications for new equipment. Should have two to five years industrial experience in instrumentation. Will be in charge of department. Salary commensurate with experience. Give complete details in first letter. Location Illinois. Box 495.

INSTRUMENT MECHANIC. Experienced in the installation and adjustment of Steam Plant instruments and automatic combustion controls. Knowledge of electricity essential. Permanent position in Service Dept. of manufacturer. Considerable traveling in the U. S. Give details of background, education and experience. Location near Chicago. Box 496.

INSTRUMENT TECHNICIANS. With five years experience on pneumatic receivers and transmitters. Ability to calibrate all types industrial flow meters. Maintain most types of automatic controllers and put into operation temperature, pressure and level type instruments. Columbia Cellulose Co., Prince Rupert, B. C., Canada. Box 497.

INSTRUMENT MECHANIC. Experienced in pneumatic and electrical controls as used in an oil refinery or chemical plant. $2.22 per hr., forty hr. week, liberal benefit plan and good working conditions. Location St. Louis area. Box 498.

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER. Electrical Engineer (graduate) with two to four years of experience and with a working knowledge of electronic instruments for the development of resistance welding machinery. Location Western New York. Box 499.

SALES ENGINEER. Leading manufacturer of pressure and temperature gages and industrial instruments wants man 24 to 35 to cover Northern Ohio with Cleveland as base. Car and some sales experience preferably along with instrument lines absolutely necessary. Salary and expenses, excellent opportunity. Give resume of record in first letter. Box 500.

AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENT ENGINEERS. Graduates. Experienced in aircraft and electronic instruments and instrumentation. Large aircraft manufacturer. Location Georgia. Box 501.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

INSTRUMENTATION SCIENTISTS. A program in basic instrumentation research is underway at the National Bureau of Standards cooperatively sponsored by ONR, Air Force, and AEC, involving theoretical and experimental research, development, design, evaluation, and technical reference work in the broad field of measurement and control instruments. Excellent opportunities are open for qualified scientists and engineers in a broad variety of basic instrumentation problems. Salaries range from $3825. to $7600. per year. Further information concerning these positions can be obtained from W. A. Wildhack, Chief, Office of Basic Instrumentation, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C.

To apply for any of the following Federal Agency positions, secure Standard Form 57, "Application for Federal Employment" from your local Post Office or write for the form to the agency involved. Complete the form and mail direct to the personnel office of the agency holding the vacancy.

U. S. NAVAL AIR MISSILE TEST CENTER
POINT MUGU, CALIFORNIA

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $4600. Project engineer on P/A test projects. Particular experience in automatic control systems and instrumentation techniques highly desirable.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $5400. Test and evaluate missile guidance systems, instruments and components. Develop testing facilities and testing techniques and participate in the development of guiding systems for missiles.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $4600; PHYSICISTS, $4600; ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, $4600. Same as above.

U. S. NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST STATION
INYOKERN, CHINA LAKE, CALIFORNIA

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER $4600. Project engineer concerned with power transmissions and distribution and detail of instrumentation facilities for the ground ranges.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER $7600. Supervision of a laboratory of physicists, engineers and technicians engaged in research and development program involving electronic devices and instruments for use in ordnance equipment.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $5400. Application of new theories in the field of automatic control and instrumentation. Using extensive knowledge of past and current developments in servomechanisms.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $4600. Electronic research and development in the field of measurement.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, $4600. Design and development of electronic instruments for use in free flight ballistics experiments on Fin-Stabilized rockets.

PHYSICIST, $5400. Responsibility for the theoretical design and development of a wide variety of specialized photographic and optical equipment and instrumentation. Prefer degree in physics and several years experience in specialized design and development and in instrumentation.

U. S. NAVAL ORNANCE TEST STATION
PASADENA ANNEX
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

MECHANICAL ENGINEER, $5400. Requires mechanical engineering experience in the fields of aluminum and stainless steel metallurgy, radiographic analysis of metals, heat transfer, production engineering; engineering experience in field of hydraulic instrumentation.

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Research Instrumentation as Applied to the Transportation of Perishable Freight

Refrigerator Car Research — Association of American Railroads

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ABSTRACT. This article outlines the development of refrigerator cars employed to protect perishable foods in transit, and discusses the three basic services involved, namely: refrigeration, ventilation, and heat. Construction of typical cars is described; the basic controlled variables of temperature, humidity, and air velocity are discussed; and research work in this field is outlined with several examples of instrumentation employed in a moving "field laboratory" (the train of cars itself). Certain difficulties in testing procedures are analyzed with a view toward possible improvements which might be forthcoming in this important field of instrumentation.

The history of the transportation of perishable freight is not only the history of an industry but in a sense the history of great areas of the United States. The development of the railroad refrigerator car has gone hand in hand with the economic development of many States. This simultaneous growth has had tremendous effects on the health and living habits of the entire country. Probably the most often given example of this effect is the change in status of the orange from a Christmas stocking gift to the almost universal everyday breakfast request for "orange juice, coffee, toast, etc." "Seasonableness" of fresh fruits and vegetables is practically unknown. This revolution in habit was made possible by the refrigerator car.

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In 1915 he was employed by the Pacific Fruit Express Company and worked for them for 30 years. During this period his positions were: Test Engineer, Superintendent of Heater Service and Superintendent of Refrigeration. During his entire time with the Pacific Fruit Express Company, he had charge of their test and research work on the transportation of perishable freight in refrigerator cars in addition to other duties.

In 1946, he became employed by the Association of American Railroads as Chief Engineer of their Refrigerator Car Research Bureau with headquarters in Chicago, which position he now holds.

He is an active member of The American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, The National Association of Practical Refrigerating Engineers, and The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

(A. O. Radke is no longer associated with the AAR—no biography is available)

What is the present job of this refrigerator car? It is, in combination with about 130,000 others, to move about 50 million tons of freight some 250 million miles. It moves this in about 2.5 million carloads averaging about 20 tons each. It moves some 30 different classes of commodities, including fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, canned goods, meat, eggs, and poultry—none of which account for more than 20 percent of the total and only six of which account for more than 5 percent of the total—under a wide range of climatic conditions and seasons and requiring a variety of protective services including intensive refrigeration for frozen foods, ventilation, ice refrigeration, heat and even combinations of these. In order to accomplish this for all commodities in all seasons there are hundreds of "rules" or variations of the three basic services of refrigeration, ventilation, and heat.

The purposes of these statistics is not to amaze or overwhelm, but to illustrate several paradoxes, namely: first, the volume of perishables moved compared to the relatively few refrigerator cars; and, second, the utter simplicity of the refrigerator car itself as contrasted with the complexity of the job.

Construction of Cars

The refrigerator car has been called, sometimes disparagingly, an "ice box on wheels" and essentially it is just that. It consists of an insulated structure with inside dimensions approximately 8 by 8 by 40 ft. The thickness of the "walls" are about 6 or 8 inches and carry 3 to 7 inches of insulation. The lighter insulation of 3 to 4½ inches is ordinarily used in standard cars and the heavier insulation is found in cars used for the transportation of frozen foods.

Ice bunkers, 8 by 7 by 3 feet are located at each end and hold an average of about 11,000 lb. of chunk ice. Two insulated hatches are located over each bunker through which the ice is furnished. The loading space is approximately 33 feet long and two insulated doors approximately 4 to 6 feet wide by 7 feet high are provided on each side at the center of the cars. Many newer types of refrigerator cars are now being equipped with sliding doors. The ice bunkers are open to the loading space at the top and bottom, and hinged floor racks which cover the loading space allow air circulation under and around the load.

Air is circulated through the ice in the bunker either because of the temperature differential or by means of air circulating fans, which force a greater volume of air through the bunkers. These fans are powered by the train movement and consequently operate only when the car is moving. Portable motors can be used to drive the fans at terminals. New air circulating devices are now being developed.

Evolution of the Refrigerator Car

The refrigerator car has evolved throughout the years. It made its appearance in the 1860's as a box car insulated with sawdust. The early cars were developed principally to carry dressed meat and as their success in this field increased, about 1870, experiments with shipments of fresh fruits were made. The refrigerator car, as we know it, evolved in the early 1900's. Since that time the changes have been principally in improvement and refinement of the basic design. Gradually the thickness of the insulation has been increased, the ice capacity increased, and the air circulation improved, first by the introduction of floor racks, wall racks, flues and finally mechanical air circulators.

Greater changes occurred, however, in the services attendant on perishable shipments during this period. Stations for icing of the cars in transit and at origin and destination were increased (1) in number, their efficiency improved by mechanical conveyors for ice; and (2) in size, so that it is now possible to ice hundred-car trains of perishables in an hour or less.

As the shippers knowledge of his product grew through research and experience, he was able to further improve the quality of the product. Precooling, where the product is cooled to proper temperature, either before loading or by auxiliary means in the refrigerator car, was perhaps the biggest advance in improving quality. As the knowledge of the product increased, the carriers were able to meet the new requirements by providing variations and combinations of the three basic services of refrigeration, ventilation, and heat.

Basic Variables to be Controlled

Since we are dealing with living organisms, the basic science in the perishable transportation field is that of agriculture, particularly those branches concerned with the physiology and pathology of plants and plant products. It is the purpose of these branches to reduce and correlate the hundreds of processes and variables which determine the ultimate quality of the product to a few that can to some extent be controlled and measured. In the

case of perishable storage—of which transportation is really an extension—they have reduced the variable to three, namely: temperature, humidity, and air velocity over the commodity or product. Of these temperature and humidity are the most important while air velocity is important, generally, only in the case of low humidities. Temperature controls the metabolism of many of the organisms found with the product, as well as the product itself. Humidity (and air circulation) are of principal importance in preventing moisture loss from the product.

Refrigerator Car Design has been concerned with all of these elements, but particularly with temperature.

The optimum storage temperature for fresh fruits is usually the lowest possible temperature safely above the freezing point, which in most cases means a desirable transit temperature of 30 to 45 F. The principal exceptions to this are the tropical fruits such as bananas and pineapples, as well as lemons and limes. It may be desirable, however, in order to avoid certain decay or disease, and depending on the condition and maturity of the commodity, to ship at slightly higher temperatures. This range (30 to 45 F.) is usually optimum for all vegetables with such exceptions as white and sweet potatoes, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes which require slightly higher temperatures. The optimum relative humidity for each commodity varies, but most all are in the range of 85 to 95 percent. A refrigerator car with bunker ice refrigeration can achieve and maintain temperature in the range of 34 to 45 F. for most commodities.

It is obvious, then, why ice refrigeration in railroad refrigerator cars has served so long and so well. Besides all other considerations it is admirably suited for the job. First, it will maintain very nearly the optimum temperature for most commodities; and, second, because the temperature differential between the commodity and the refrigerant is small, the humidity of the air is at the optimum range (85 to 95 percent) and the resulting loss of moisture by the commodity is small.

Problems With Ice Refrigeration

As ideal as ice refrigeration is for most fresh fruits and vegetables, there are of course problems. The temperature of the commodity when loaded directly into the car may range as high as 100 F. In addition to the sensible heat of the commodity, the vital heat or heat of respiration of the commodity contributes greatly to the refrigeration load. It would be practically impossible to incorporate into the car the refrigeration capacity to reduce, as rapidly as desirable, the temperature of such loads. Therefore auxiliary methods must be employed.

The commodity may of course be precooled before loading. After the car is loaded, however, the most common methods are trackside portable mechanical units; permanent brine and fan systems (of necessity located near or as part of an ice plant); both of which supplement the ice bunker refrigeration of the cars. A second method is the use of auxiliary fans or the car fans which, if operated continuously, serve to increase the refrigeration obtainable from the bunker ice.

Another method which has come into widespread use in recent years, and which is particularly advantageous for some commodities is top or body icing. In this method crushed ice, almost as fine as snow, is placed either in the container with the commodity or blown over the top of the load after the car is loaded. This serves not only to reduce the temperature rapidly but in the case of leafy and pulpy vegetables, the water from the melting ice helps maintain the turgidity and fresh appearance of the commodity. In some commodities however, the presence of water on the fruit is injurious and for that reason this method has only limited application.

Another method of reducing the temperature rapidly is the addition of small percentages of salt to the bunker ice. The practice of adding salt to increase the refrigeration capacity must be used with judgment as inexperience or improper handling may result in freezing damage to the commodity.

Standard refrigeration is the initial icing and reicing to bunkers capacity of the cars at regular intervals. These intervals are usually about 24 hours apart. The use of standard refrigeration on a properly precooled load will assure a commodity temperature in the 34 to 45 F. range during the entire transit history of the commodity. On those commodities that do not require these temperatures the number of icings are varied to meet the requirements. For example, lemons which require temperature in the 50 to 60 F. range, are sometimes shipped under a modified refrigeration of initial and one reicing in transit.

Perhaps the most critical of all commodities shipped by rail are frozen foods and frozen products. They are critical because their transit requirements are much more rigorous than any other commodity shipped and because their volume, while important, has been so small as to economically preclude special service and equipment. However this traffic is rapidly increasing and all carriers are giving special attention to service requirements. In spite of this, however, the railroads have handled this commodity successfully as evidenced by the growth and acceptance of frozen foods. Actually the claims paid on frozen foods by the railroads for improper refrigeration is much less than one percent of the value of the shipment. The carriers have successfully adapted the refrigerator car and service to this commodity by increasing the insulation thickness and by the addition of high percentages of salt to the bunker ice. While the use of heavier insulated cars is common wherever they are available, frozen foods are shipped successfully in the so-called standard refrigerator car with 3 to 3.5 inches of insulation.

Use of Ventilation and Heat

Of the approximately million and a half refrigerator car loads of perishables about one million are shipped under refrigeration while the remainder move about equally under ventilation and heat.

Commodities under ventilation move principally during mild seasons of the year. The temperature requirements are not narrow and the principal protection is against freezing. Standard ventilation simply requires that the hatches (or vents) be opened above an outside temperature of 32 F. and closed at 32 F. Special ventilation service allows the shipper to establish his own specifications as to the manipulation of the vents.

Heat for refrigerator cars is provided by small portable heaters installed in the ice bunkers or by heaters permanently installed underneath the car. It is doubtful that any one refrigerator car will average more than one load a year under heat. Therefore the larger investment, added weight and maintenance of the permanent units put them at an economic disadvantage and has resulted in the more widespread use of the portable units.

There are three basic heater services: (1) where the shipper allows the carrier to protect the shipment by any method or system he deems advisable, (2) where the shipper furnishes the heater and facilities and instructs the carrier as to their manipulation and operation and, (3) where the carrier furnishes the equipment but operates it according to the shippers instructions.

Portable heaters burn either charcoal or methanol as a fuel. Charcoal heaters, which were the first used, had no other control except to extinguish or light them at inspection points enroute, usually on the basis of outside temperature. Admittedly this control was rather crude but to a surprisingly degree successful. The desire for a closer control led to the development of thermostatically controlled heaters; particularly of the liquid fuel type. Of the liquid fuels, methanol has been found to be the most satisfactory. Charcoal heaters have been improved by a thermostatically controlled draft.

Research in Refrigerator Cars

Based on the knowledge and temperature specifications provided by the agricultural scientist, refrigerator car transportation research resolves itself into two rather broad phases: one, research on the effect of variations in refrigeration, heater or ventilation procedures, loading methods and containers, and methods of handling an ultimate market quality of the commodity; and research on the car itself including the refrigeration system, insulation, air circulation, construction, and the like.

Of the two, the second is perhaps more fundamental but is to a large

extent dependent on the first. As was pointed out previously, the refrigerator car because of its necessary simplicity is a fairly stable quantity. Therefore, before any change is made, a thorough investigation of the possibility of altering the auxiliary services or methods is tested. Only after these possibilities are exhausted is the refrigerator car itself considered.

Every refrigerator car loaded is in one opinion a test. However, perishable transportation research is done, of necessity, principally in the field—of necessity because of the hundreds of variables, which to date at least are impossible to duplicate in the laboratory.

One, for example, is the load itself. The properties of loads vary not only between kinds of commodities but between varieties and between maturities. We have been faced with the choice of duplicating all the variables in a full scale laboratory or with attempting to measure at least the more important variables in the field. Thus far it has seemed more practical, quicker, and less expensive to measure the variables in the field.

At the same time we have drawn heavily on the research done in the allied fields. We have attempted to build a moving "field laboratory" in which to test fully the experience of our friends and allies in the laboratory. If the idea or ideas seem successful, we then make hundreds of tests of the idea in regular service where we measure only the important variable, most often that of commodity temperature.

Instrumentation in "Field Laboratory"

The two phases of research require somewhat different equipment. In our "field laboratory" it may be necessary to measure temperature not only in the commodity but throughout the car superstructure. To account for possible variations in car construction, in loading method or refrigeration practice, we felt that 10 test cars might be required. At a minimum this would require some 500 different temperatures. In addition, the humidity, not only in the cars, but in the car superstructure would be important. In most cases a nearly continuous record was necessary.

The system devised for temperature was a series of remotely controlled impulse rotary switches spaced at 50-foot intervals and a master control cable which extended back into the business car. Each rotary switch had 23 contacts so that 23 thermocouple leads were available at each switch. Two such cables were built so that each of 10 cars would have 46 thermocouple leads, or if the number of cars were reduced the thermocouples per car could be increased. The master cable terminated in a selector control box located in the office car and the master thermocouple leads terminated in a direct reading Brown electronic indicating potentiometer.

The possibility of using a recording system was considered. However the number of readings involved and the necessity of taking readings from charts seemed more difficult than reading and logging the temperatures directly. A crew of four men operating both instruments could read all positions in about 10 minutes. The control system operated on 32 volts; the potentiometer on 110 volts. The low voltage was supplied by batteries; the 110 by a 2-kv diesel generator. The system has been in use continuously for two years and has given very satisfactory service.

The system for measuring humidity was not so elaborate. It consisted of 12 electric hygrometer elements on leads connected to a selector mounted on top of the car. Each element consists of seven wire-wound coated-plastic cylinders mounted in a plastic and screen cage. The coating absorbed moisture; the amount, depending on the relative humidity of the air, determined the conductivity of the coating. This conductivity (measured in microamps) by means of a calibration curve, could be translated to relative humidity.

Since the hygroscopicity of the cells depends to a certain extent on temperature, a second correction was necessary to obtain the true relative humidity. Except for the difficulty of translating a great many readings from microamps to relative humidity, and the fact that the readings could only be obtained when the train was stopped, the results obtained with this system were quite good. The authors understand that the American Instrument Co., the manufacturers of this equipment, have to a great extent, now overcome these objections.

A third element which we would like to measure is air velocity at various points in the cars. So far we have not been able to locate instruments of this type which would be satisfactory and which could be read remotely or while the train is moving. In lieu of actual measurements of air velocity we have used the relative temperatures in the car air and load to trace approximately the circulation.

Difficulties in Testing Procedures

It is obvious that the complexity of this equipment limits the number of cars and tests that can be run in any one season, and it is necessary, no matter how carefully we try to minimize or measure the variables, that enough tests be run to get the full range of conditions. In order to accomplish this a great number of unaccompanied test cars must be run. This may be accomplished either by installing recording thermometers in the car or by using thermocouple or resistance cables and taking readings with portable reading boxes at specified points enroute.

The advantage of recording thermometers is of course that they provide a continuous automatic record from origin to destination. Their disadvantage is that they are too expensive to use in the quantity we need since a separate instrument must be used for each temperature position. For this reason we decided that thermometers of the distant reading type would be needed.

Since only commodity temperatures are required it was felt that daily readings of temperature at specified points enroute would be sufficient, since the commodity temperature change would be small in this period of time. The principal disadvantage of this system was that the personnel at the check points would be largely untrained in the use of instruments. Therefore the equipment had to be simple, rugged, and relatively fool-proof.

Another requirement was that an estimated 100 cables would be required. Therefore the cables themselves would have to be inexpensive. This was the principle reason for turning to thermocouples rather than resistance type of equipment. They would also be more flexible in that, because of their cheapness, they could be discarded and replaced with other sizes, etc. without a great loss.

The eventual design consisted of a thermocouple harness with six thermocouple leads, door plate and six contact switches with connector. The reading box was a Wheelco potentiometer with an alternate air or ice cold junction. The thermocouple cables and certain modifications to the potentiometer were done by Sieco Inc. In order to protect the potentiometer against temperature extremes and rough handling, the instrument was cased in a wooden case insulated with about 2 inches of foam rubber. The scale was direct reading from −20 to 120° F with 1° divisions. In practice the air "cold junction" has not been too accurate and is seldom used.

Tests of Car Heaters With Instruments

An example of how these two types of temperature measuring equipment are used in a research program is found in the development of portable car heaters. After the war, manufacturers of several alcohol and thermostatically controlled charcoal heaters felt that their equipment had reached a stage of development where they could be used in service. The alcohol heaters were of several designs but were all thermostatically controlled. Both manual and thermostatic draft charcoal heaters were included.

It was decided that during the winters of 1946-47 and 47-48 the field laboratory equipment would be used to check closely on the performance of the heater. The thermostatic heater's advantages were that it would offer both better temperature control and would need no attention from origin to destination. By use of the field laboratory equipment these claims could be checked. During the winter of 48-49 the best of these heaters were checked in quantity during an entire season to get some idea of their reliability and performance in general service as compared to the older types already in service.

During the first two winters ten tests were run. The cars on each test were selected to be uniform in construction and performance. At the origin or loading point the cars were loaded and the particular heaters installed. During loading, thermocouples were placed in the commodity at representative and vulnerable points and throughout the air in the car interior as a check on the distribution of the heat and the circulation set up by the heater.

The heater was judged on its ability to protect the load against freezing, the narrowness of the temperature range in the commodity, and its operation as governed by the thermostat. The operation of the heater was checked by a thermocouple directly over the heater and by thermocouple at the temperature sensitive element of the thermostat. By comparing these two temperatures, we could determine how well the heater functioned. The air and commodity temperatures told the rest of the story.

Based on these results, the better heaters were purchased in limited quantities and put in regular service during 1948-49. During these tests the portable equipment was used exclusively. The procedure was basically this: Railroad employees at points along the line were furnished and instructed in the use of the portable potentiometers. The cars were loaded at the rate of 6 or 8 a day, the thermocouple cables installed, and the cars were moved in regular freight service to destination.

At each check point, temperature readings and a heater inspection were made. At destination a final inspection was made. In this way some 200 car records were obtained covering all types of heaters under a wide variety of weather conditions with most all types of equipment. The thermostatically controlled equipment showed some improvement, particularly in regard to the handling and operating features. However, the most surprising results were the good records obtained with the old equipment and old system.

Car Insulation Tests

Along with operational tests we have been concerned with the design of the refrigerator car itself, particularly with the amount of insulation necessary. The increased frozen food traffic had brought about insulation thicknesses up to 8 inches. It was questioned whether or not this thickness was necessary or even desirable. Super-insulated cars were limited and it has often been necessary to ship frozen commodities in cars with substantially less insulation. However, today, 22,000 super-insulated cars are available and the carlines are building more to handle increased frozen foods traffic. It was hoped that reasonable insulation thickness could be found, somewhat short of seven to eight-inches that could be incorporated into a so-called standard all-purpose car. In addition we needed some fundamental data on the heat transfer characteristics of the car, the total heat load, and the effect of some of the major variables encountered.

In the fall of 1946 six refrigerator cars were built to identical specifications except for the insulation thickness. Two cars had 3 inches of mass type insulation in the walls and 3.5 inches in the floor and roof—commonly called 3 to 3.5 inches of insulation. One car had 4 to 5 inches; one, 5 to 6; and two, 6 to 7 inches of insulation. Two of the six cars (one, 3 to 3.5 inches and one, 6 to 7 inches) had one layer of reflective paper in addition to the mass type insulation, in the sidewalls, ends and roof.

During the construction of the cars, thermocouples were placed in various sections of the cars. For example, a thermocouple was soldered to the underside of the steel roof; directly below it thermocouples were fastened on top below and between the layers of insulation; on both sides of the air spaces and on both sides of the inner plywood lining. A similar arrangement was used for representative sections of the sidewalls, ends and floors.

In addition, thermocouples were placed at what were suspected to be particularly vulnerable spots as far as heat transfer was concerned—for example, around the doors, hatches and at other structural members throughout the car. The purpose of this arrangement was to test the relative effectiveness of the various components and if possible to draw a heat balance.

The thermocouples were carried to the remote controlled rotary switch arrangement on the roof of the car. In addition to the thermocouples in the car superstructure, additional thermocouples were used for commodity, air and ice temperatures inside the car. During the construction of these cars, the electric hygrometers were installed in the car superstructure and in the car loading space.

It was desirable to test as many conditions of loading as possible and as many types of commodity as possible. To accomplish this five tests were planned: two with bunker ice with "warm loads" and with pre-cooled loads; one with body or top ice; and two with frozen foods. During each of these tests temperatures were recorded for each position every hour. Records of humidity were obtained every 2 to 4 hours. In addition a daily record of the refrigeration supplied, the outside air temperature and weather conditions were obtained.

On the basis of this data a heat balance was obtained showing that, depending on the commodity, from 25 to 60 percent of the total heat load was due to the sensible and vital heat of the commodity, and that additional insulation was effective in reducing only that 25 percent of the heat load attributable to the insulated area. As far as could be determined there was no particular temperature advantage obtained from increasing the insulation thickness beyond 3 to 4 inches.

The most important difference was in the ice meltage. It was evident that as long as the cars had normal movement enroute the refrigeration capacity of the cars was great enough to overcome the difference in heat loads. The value of reflective air spaces confirmed generally the published laboratory data.

Admittedly these results are only a step. However, they are being used today by the car builders in their attempt to improve the insulating efficiency of their cars.

Conclusions

Transportation of perishables, through the research and experience of many, has today achieved a degree of perfection that precludes great and sweeping improvements. Today we are looking for the small things in regard to each commodity that will increase its desirability in the mind of the consumer. In a sense we are retracing our steps and looking for the fundamentals.

We are trying to make our product, the refrigerator car, a less expensive, a more versatile and a more useful tool of a great industry. To do this we need more and better instruments both in the laboratory and in the field. In this we are handicapped by several things. One is that we require only a few instruments, the second is that they are special and must approach laboratory accuracy and yet be rugged enough for field use. We are in this sense a small and poor market for instruments. However, we will be bold and hope that when we call the instrument industry for help in this regard that we might have the benefit of its knowledge and experience.

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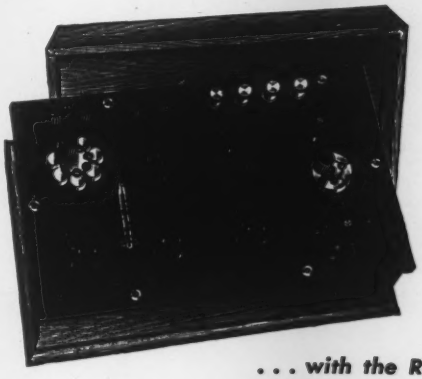

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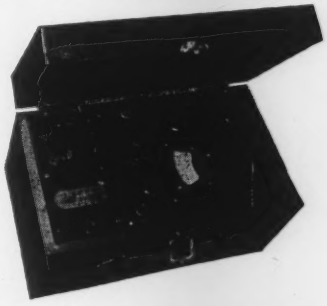

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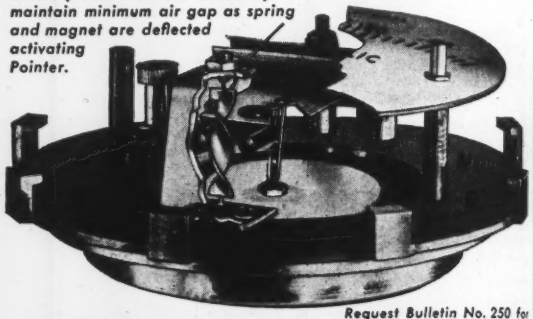

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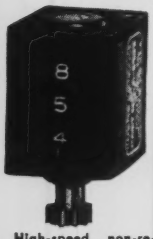

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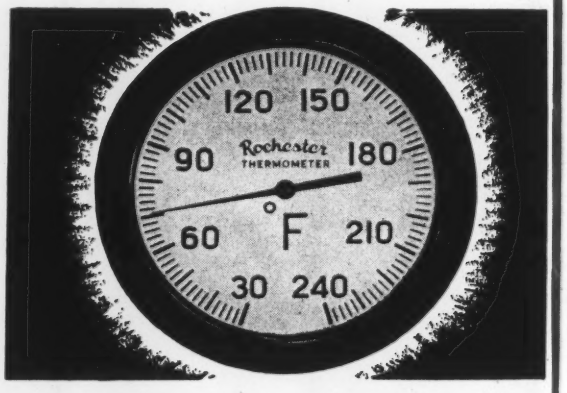

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Measurement *of* Flow *of* Fluids *through* Orifice Meters

with Particular Reference *to the* Measurements *of* Liquids *and* Steam

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Editor's Note.—Because of its extreme length, Mr. Cowan's article has been divided into installments. The second installment will appear in the August 1951 issue of the *Journal*.

A GENERAL equation for the flow of any liquid through an orifice in a pipe can be expressed by the following formula,

$Q_f = 359.1\ d^2 K_o F_R \sqrt{h/w}$ Cu. ft./hr. at flow density, where

d = orifice diameter in inches

K_o = discharge coefficient for orifice, including the velocity of approach, for an infinite Reynolds Number flow condition

F_R = a correction to K_o for the actual Reynolds Number flow condition

h = differential pressure in inches of water at 60 F., representing the difference in pressure between the pressure at the upstream pressure tap and the pressure at the downstream pressure tap.

w = density of fluid at flow pressure and temperature expressed in pounds per cu. ft.

Note: Since for any one flow condition h varies with the type of pressure taps used, the values of K_o, F_R and h only apply to these values for the same type of pressure taps.

Also letting,

D = Internal diameter of meter tube

$\beta = d/D$

R = Reynolds Number at the orifice (upstream face)

$K_o = c_o(1/\sqrt{1-\beta^4})$ where

$(1/\sqrt{1-\beta^4}$ = velocity of approach correction

c_o = orifice discharge coefficient for infinite value of R

c = orifice discharge coefficient for actual value of R

$c = c_o F_R$

The specifications for the location of the pressure taps for the different pressure tap systems used to measure the differential pressure h are given as follows, the upstream distance being the distance upstream of the upstream face of orifice plate and the downstream distance being the distance downstream from the downstream face of the orifice plate.

Flange taps and pipe taps are the generally accepted standards used in the United States. The recommended and allowable ranges of orifice sizes for these two pressure tap systems are as follows, expressed in terms of beta.

	Recommended	*Allowable*
Flange taps	.15 to .70	.10 to .75
Pipe taps	.20 to .67	.15 to .70

Referring to the indicated pressure distribution curve in Fig. 1, it is seen that the pressure upstream of the orifice plate is approximately constant

	Upstream Distance	*Downstream Distance (Fixed)*	*β*	*Max.*	*Minimum*
Flange Taps	1 in.	1 in.			
Pipe Taps	2.5D	8D			
Corner Taps	0	0			
Throat Taps	1D	0.5D			
Vena Contracta (Approximate downstream distance is variable)	1D		0.75	0.27D	0.49D
			0.60	0.42D	0.70D
			0.45	0.47D	0.92D
			0.20	0.38D	1.32D

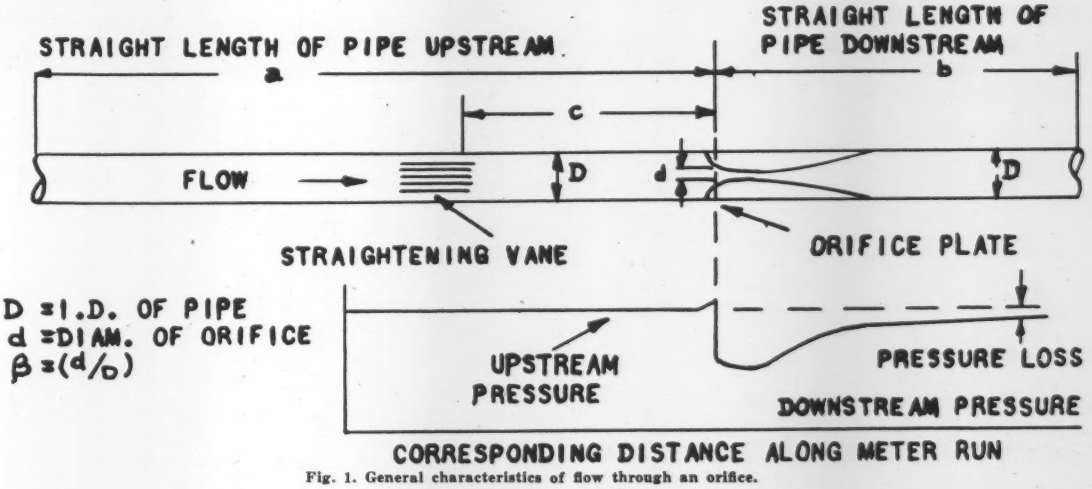

Fig. 1. General characteristics of flow through an orifice.

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from a few pipe diameters upstream to a point close to the upstream face of the orifice where the pressure then builds up slightly. The pressure downstream of the orifice drops off perceptibly and reaches a minimum at the location of the vena contracta downstream tap and the pressure then gradually increases to some maximum value at a point some distance less than 8D downstream. The amount of pressure recovery increases as the beta ratio increases and is very small for beta ratios of 0.2 or lower.

From the value of the velocity of approach factor $= (1/\sqrt{1-\beta^4})$ it can be seen that this factor is small for low values of beta but is of importance for higher beta ratios as the velocity of the fluid through the pipe is an appreciable percentage of that passing through the orifice. The values of K_o, c_o and velocity of approach for various beta ratios in a 4.026-in. pipe for both flange and pipe taps are shown as follows:

	Flange Taps				*Pipe Taps*		
β	K_o =	C_o ×	(Vel. Appr.)	K_o =	C_o ×	(Vel. Appr.)
0.2	0.5949	0.5944	1.0008	0.6106	0.6101	1.0008
0.4	0.6082	0.6003	1.0131	0.6721	0.6634	1.0131
0.6	0.6487	0.6052	1.0719	0.8226	0.7674	1.0719
0.7	0.6916	0.6029	1.1472	0.9722	0.8475	1.1472
0.75	0.7253	0.5997	1.2095			

To make a comparison of the differentials obtained by pipe taps and flange taps, and assuming that pipe taps represent the overall pressure drop across the meter installation and using subscripts P for pipe taps and F for flange taps and assuming the same d, w and flow rate in a 4.026-in. pipe and neglecting any other small variations, then

$$Q_f = (\text{Constant } A) \times K_{oF}\sqrt{h_F} = A \times K_{oP}\sqrt{h_P} \text{ or}$$

$$K_{oF}\sqrt{h_F} = K_{oP}\sqrt{h_P}$$

	K_O Values		Comparison Pipe Taps to Flange Taps		Comparison Flange Taps to Pipe Taps			% of h_F	
β	K_{OP}	K_{OF}	K_{OP}/K_{OF}	h_P/h_F	K_{OF}/K_{OP}	$\sqrt{h_F/h_P}$	h_F/h_P	Recov.	Lost
0.1	0.6011	0.5955	1.0094	0.9815	0.9907	1.0094	1.0189	1.85	98.15
0.4	0.6721	0.6082	1.1051	0.8188	0.9049	1.1051	1.2212	18.11	81.89
0.5	0.7303	0.6230	1.1722	0.7278	0.8531	1.1722	1.3741	27.23	72.77
0.6	0.8226	0.6487	1.2681	0.6219	0.7886	1.2681	1.6081	37.81	62.19
0.7	0.9722	0.6916	1.4057	0.5061	0.7114	1.4057	1.9760	49.39	50.61

Since h_p is the total pressure lost, the flange tap differential recovered $= (h_F - h_P)$ and the percent of flange tap differential pressure recovered $= 100\,(h_F - h_P)/h_F$ or letting $r = h_F/h_P$ and $h_P = h_F/r$ the percent differential recovered $= 100[1-(1/r)]$

As can be seen from the general formula, to obtain the same volume rate of flow of two different fluids through a given orifice in a pipe and with the same pressure taps, a higher differential will be required to move the fluid of the greatest density.

The value of F_R for infinite or very high values of R will equal 1.0000 as $c = c_o$. In general, the coefficient (C) and therefore F_R for any given orifice in a pipe will be increased as the value of R is decreased. The first noticeable effect of lowering R is in the retardation of the motion of the fluid over the upstream face of the orifice plate toward the orifice and around the orifice edge. The flow begins to creep around the corner of the orifice more slowly and the centrifugal force urging the fluid towards the jet downstream of the orifice is diminished. Consequently there is less jet contraction and the cross-section of the jet is increased, causing the discharge coefficient C to increase. The above effects of continually lowering the value of R will cause the coefficient (C) to further increase until some point is reached where the increased differential force required to move the fluid through the meter begins to offset the increase in coefficient caused by the lessening of the contraction of the jet. The R value at the point where this condition takes place varies with beta, being about 200 for beta = 0.2 and about 1000 for beta = 0.75. Further lowering of R beyond these values will cause the discharge coefficient to begin to decrease more and more rapidly. The F_R values for the same value of R between R values of 100 to 10,000 will be greater for the higher beta ratio orifices.

In order that discharge coefficients and factors will correspond to established published test values it is essential that orifice meter installations be properly designed according to recommended specifications which have been summarized later.

In the measurement of some fluids, it is necessary to use some liquid sealing fluid between the pressure taps and recording gages. When mercury gages are used to record the differential pressure and the weight of the fluid over the mercury is appreciable compared to that of the mercury, a manometer correction factor will be required.

In order to simplify orifice meter flow calculations used in the measurement of gases, liquids and steam, special flow formulas have been developed for each of these fluids to give flow results in the units most commonly required.

General Requirements for Good Measurement

Fluid being measured should be of relatively constant composition. Its characteristics must be known so that its density can be accurately determined for various flow conditions.

For accurate liquid measurement the pressure of the liquid should be high enough to prevent vaporization of liquid or other dissolved gases.

For steam or gas measurement the meter run and flow lines should be free from liquid accumulations.

Flow for good measurement should be such that the pressure and differential record can be clearly read. Where flow is extremely variable, it can only be recorded by spreading out the flow records by use of charts revolving at shorter periods than commonly used.

Differential and pressure recordings, when possible, should be of such magnitude that they will be registered from 5 to 10 units on a square root chart or the equivalent of these square root chart readings when other forms of charts are used. Changes in orifice size or of the ranges of pressure spring or differential gage offer means of adjusting the position of these records on the recording chart.

Flow should be in turbulent flow region for good measurement.

Sufficient lengths of straight pipe both upstream and downstream from the orifice plate must be installed to prevent any distortion of flow both at the orifice plate and at the pressure taps. The lengths of straight pipe required vary with the orifice to pipe ratio, beta, the lengths of straight pipe required increasing as the value of this ratio increases. Orifice meter installations should however be designed so that correct measurement can be obtained with any orifice which may be used. The lengths of straight pipe used should therefore be designed for the maximum allowable orifice to pipe diameter ratio. Specifications for the minimum lengths of these meter runs based on the use of the maximum allowable orifice to pipe diameter ratio as well as other general orifice meter installation specifications are furnished below.

Flange taps are recommended in all instances and particularly in the measurement of fluids through vertical meter runs.

In the measurement of fluids no pulsation of fluid at the orifice meter should be present. It is generally impossible to accurately measure fluids by an orifice meter when pulsation is present.

In the handling of gases the most satisfactory method of suppressing pulsation at the orifice meter is to introduce a large reservoir or a pressure drop or a combination of both between the orifice meter and the source of pulsation. In some instances errors in measurement caused by pulsation can be minimized by the use of a meter run which will permit the use of a high beta ratio orifice and the carrying of a high differential pressure. By locating orifice meters at a considerable distance from the source of pulsation, the volume of the pipe and the resistance to flow through the pipe are utilized to suppress pulsation.

A new patented device for eliminating pulsation in gas flow lines has been developed which has apparently proven fairly successful. It must however be designed for each individual flow condition.

When pulsation in a flow line exists,

the retardation of the movement of the mercury in the recording gage either by the use of bushings in the mercury column or by cracking valves on the lead lines to the gage, will not correct for any errors caused by pulsation in the flow line.

Orifice Meter Installation Specifications (Ref. Fig. 1)

Specifications for Diam. of Pressure Tap Openings at Inside of Pipe

Openings should not be less than 0.25 in. in any case.

Openings for 2- to 4-in. pipe should not be greater than (⅛)D.

Openings for 4- to 8-in. pipe should not be greater than 0.5 in.

Openings for 8-in. and larger pipe should not be greater than (1/16)D.

Edges of tap holes should be free from burrs and slightly rounded off on inside of pipe section.

Gage piping should not be less than 0.25 in. nor more than 0.75 in.

Straightening Vanes

The greatest inside cross section of any passage through a straightening vane should not be greater than (¼)D.

The length of the vane should be at least 10 times the greatest inside cross section of any passage through the vane. Vanes should be firmly constructed and securely fastened in place.

Thermometer Wells & Sampling Connections

Thermometer wells and sampling connections should be placed downstream from orifices at least not closer than "minimum downstream specified straight length of pipe." If straightening vanes are used, the thermometer well or sampling connection can be installed in the upstream meter run one pipe diameter or more upstream of straightening vane. Thermometer wells should be inserted in such a manner that true flow temperature is obtained. Sampling connections should be of center line type.

In measurement of moist steam, sampling devices should be installed for determining steam quality if accurate measurement is required.

The sections of pipe used for meter tubes, that is the pipe sections adjacent to the orifice flange or orifice fitting shall be as nearly cylindrical, smooth and free from blisters and scale as can be commercially obtained. The method of determining the I.D. of the pipe and also the allowable tolerance between the actual I.D. of the pipe and the I.D. of the pipe used in the computation of orifice meter coefficients are given above.

Pipes having the following scheduled (published) I.D. have been chosen as standard for use in orifice meter runs: 2.067, 3.068, 4.026, 6.065, 8.071, 10.19, 12.09, 15.25, and 19.18 in. Orifice meter coefficients have been established for such pipe, based on these diameters. Pipes of other scheduled I.D. may, however, be used and coefficients can be established for orifices used in such pipe. In some cases, the actual I.D. of the upstream pipe section is used in the calculation of coefficients, and in such instances this average diameter shall be obtained from the averages of measurements of the I.D. as above specified.

The allowable tolerance in the bore of orifice fittings of the Robinson, Daniel, etc. types have not been definitely established but the allowable tolerance recommended is 0.2 percent of the I.D. of pipe used in the calculation of the orifice meter coefficients.

Pipe Flanges and Gaskets

Recesses should be avoided on the inner surface of the pipe between the end of pipe and face of flange on pipe flanges close to the orifice plate or the orifice fitting, however a recess 0.25 in. long as measured parallel to the axis of the pipe is allowable.

Pipe flange and orifice fitting flange and gasket should be dowelled in such a manner that I.D. of pipe is centered to I.D. of orifice fitting and so that the gasket will not protrude into the bore of the pipe. The I.D. of the gasket should be slightly larger than I.D. of pipe.

MINIMUM LENGTHS OF STRAIGHT PIPE REQUIRED FOR MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BETA RATIO

Tabulated Lengths in Terms of Pipe Diam. D (See Fig. 1)	Flange Taps for $\beta = 0.75$					Pipe Taps for $\beta = 0.70$				
	No Vane		With Vane			No Vane		With Vane		
Fittings Upstream of Meter	a	b	a	b	c	a	b	a	b	c
I. One Ell or Tee Ahead of Orifice Meter Run	16.7	4.4	(Not required)			16.0	12.3	(Not required)		
II. Reducer Ahead of Orifice Meter Run	13.7	4.4	(See Note)			14.3	12.3	(See Note)		
III. Two Ells or Bends Ahead of Orifice Meter Run. (Bends in same Plane)	22.0	4.4	14.0	4.4	7.3	21.0	12.3	14.1	12.3	8.7
IV. Two Ells or Bends Ahead of Orifice Meter Run. (Bends not in same Plane)	35.0	4.4	15.0	4.4	7.3	33.0	12.3	15.5	12.3	8.7
V. Two Ells or Bends Ahead of Orifice Meter Run not in same Plane which are preceded by another Ell or Bend not in same Plane as Middle Ell	70.0	4.4	15.0	4.4	7.3	66.0	12.3	15.5	12.3	8.7
VI. Valve, Regulator or Control Valve Upstream of Orifice Meter Run	44.5	4.4	17.0	4.4	7.3	41.0	12.3	17.4	12.3	8.7

Note: If straightening vanes are desired in Case II, reducer ahead of orifice, vanes should be placed in piping directly upstream of reducer and not in the meter run. (See S.C.M.A. Data Sheet No. 181 for dimensions in feet and inches for various pipes.)

ALLOWABLE TOLERANCES IN I.D. OF PIPE USED FOR ORIFICE METER RUNS FROM THE I. D. OF PIPE USED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE ORIFICE METER COEFFICIENT, BASED ON THE USE OF AN ORIFICE HAVING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BETA RATIO

Type of Orifice Fitting used	Flange Taps		Pipe Taps	
	Upstream	Downstream	Upstream	Downstream
When using plain flange orifice fittings ...	0.50% D	1.00% D	0.2% D	0.4%D
When using Robinson, Daniel or Commercial types of orifice fittings	0.25% D	0.50% D	0.2% D	0.4%D

Note: I.D. of pipe should be determined at cross sections of 1 in. from face of flange and at other cross sections up to one pipe diameter from face of flange. Measurements of I.D. of pipe should be taken over three and preferably five or six diameters. The difference between the maximum and minimum observed diameters (i.e. the out of roundness) should not exceed the tolerance specified above.

Orifice Plate Specifications

Pipe Sizes	*Allowable Plate Thickness*
2- up to 4-in. pipe....	Not less than 1/16 nor greater than ⅛ in.
4- up to 16-in. pipe....	Not less than ⅛ nor greater than ¼ in.
16-in. and larger pipe...	May exceed ¼ but not greater than ⅜ in.

Orifice Plate Thickness at Orifice Edge

The thickness of the orifice plate at the edge of the orifice shall not exceed (1/30)D, and preferably (1/50)D, or (⅛)d, or (⅛)(D-d), the minimum of the above requirements governing in all cases. Beveling of the orifice plate at the orifice with a 45-deg. bevel on the downstream side is often required to fulfill the above specifications for orifice plates. (See S.C.M.A. Data Sheet 188)

Orifice plates should not deviate from flatness more than 0.01 in. per inch of pipe radius and plate must be placed perpendicular to axis of pipe.

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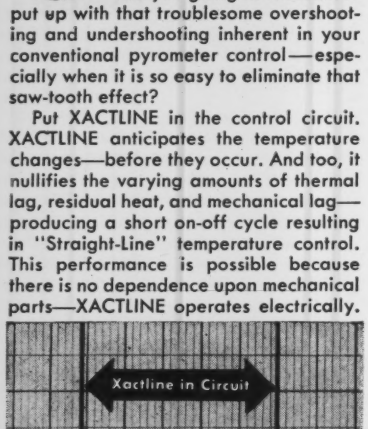

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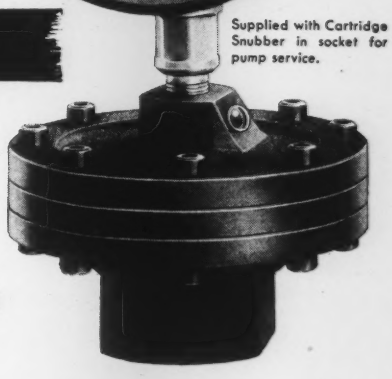

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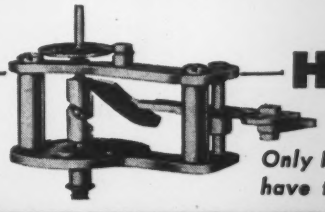

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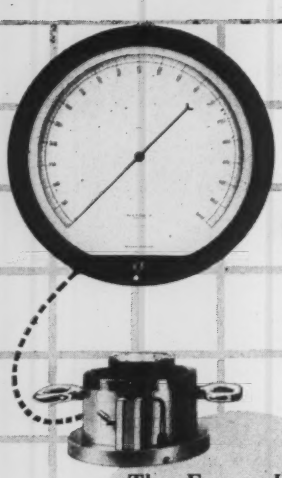

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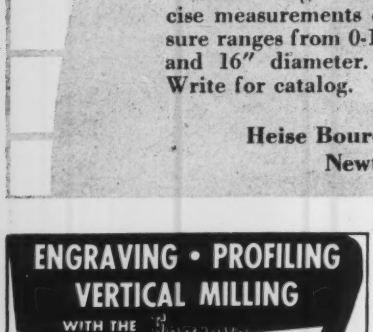

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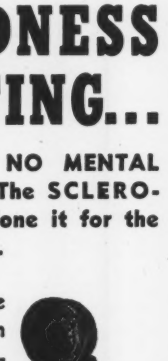

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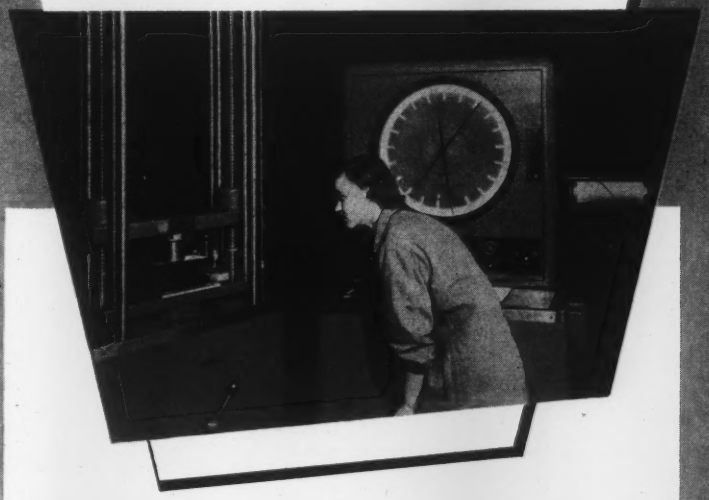

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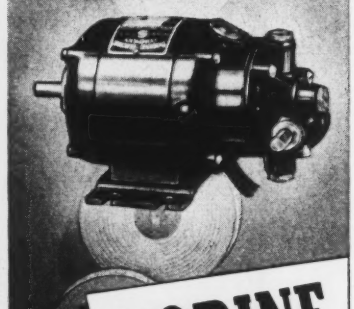

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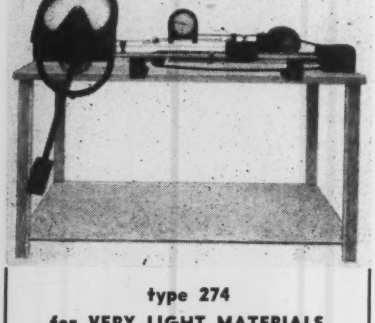

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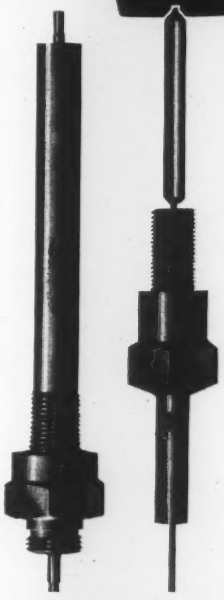

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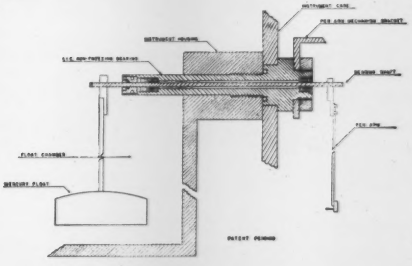

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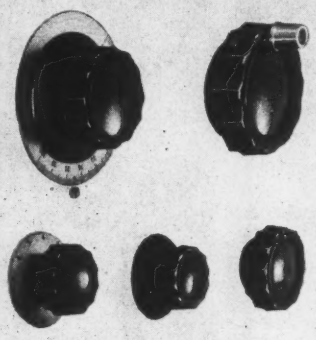

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